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Memorial Service For Jane Warner, Patrol Special Police Officer

By Heather Cassell

Community members, elected officials, and members of the San Francisco Police Department will gather at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka Street, on June 9 at 3 p.m. to remember the life of Patrol Special Police Officer Jane Ellen Warner.

Warner, a friendly and stable force of safety and security throughout the Castro, Mission, and Noe Valley neighborhoods, lost her more than yearlong battle against ovarian cancer on May 8. She was 53.

Warner died at her home in San Francisco with her mother, Carol Warner; wife, Dawn Warner; and close friend Michelle Ourlian at her side.

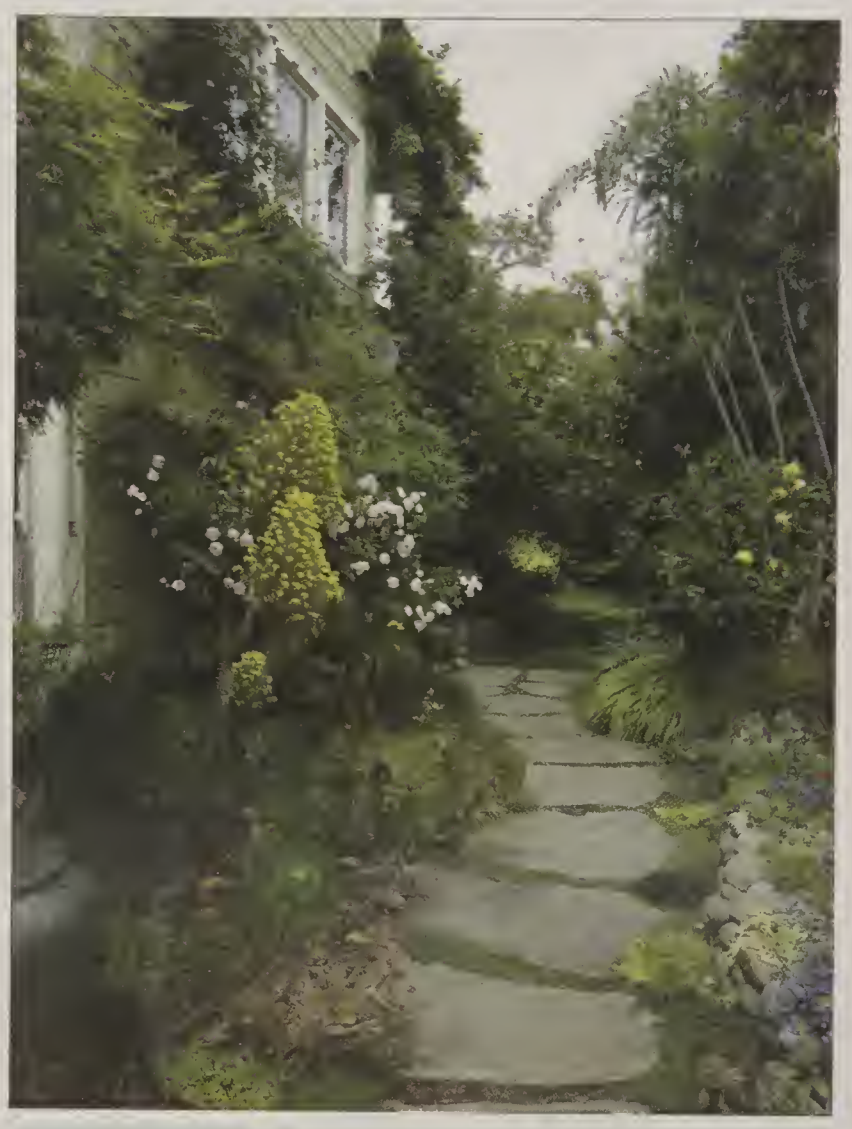
A procession to the memorial service will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the northeast corner at Castro and Market. Two receptions will follow the service, one at the Café, 2369 Market Street, and another at 440 Castro, 440 Castro Street.

The rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza will be flown at half mast that day in honor of Warner, and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will perform a special blessing.

Warner, who was known as "Officer Jane" along her Castro and 24th Street patrols, was a lifelong peace officer who loved law enforcement, in particular community policing.

For 20 years, she enjoyed walking her beats, smiling and joking with merchants and residents while petting dogs and

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Gardens of Delight: This year's Noe Valley Garden Tour, showcasing eight neighborhood gardens, will be in full bloom on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are $12—children under 12 free—and can be purchased at the gardens or at local stores, including Cover to Cover, Just for Fun, Noe Valley Bakery, Omnivore Books, Small Frys, and Urban Nest. Sponsored by Friends of Noe Valley, the tour features every kind of garden—from arbors with classic old roses, to a Japanese garden with two waterfalls and a granite bridge, to a garden surrounding a large remodeled farmhouse. Pictured above is one of the tour's highlights: a stepping-stone pathway to a backyard garden on 20th Street, designed by Alida Blair/Landscape Design. For information about the tour, call 298-2344. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

City Explores Other Plaza-bilities

But Noe Street Closure Could Still Happen

By Heather World

San Francisco Planning Department officials have expanded their road map for pedestrian space in Noe Valley. Although a proposed plaza that would close part of Noe Street is still on the table, planners say they are considering other ideas as well, such as the temporary closure of Noe on weekends, closure of only half the street, or smaller "parklets" on 24th Street.

The public can review all the options at the next community meeting, planned for June, said David Alumbaugh, the acting director of citywide planning for the Planning Department. The date of the workshop will be set after traffic studies are analyzed, he said.

A storm of suggestions and a cloud of opposition expressed at the first neighborhood meeting April 8 may have altered the original plan to try out a pedestrian plaza that would span Noe Street south of 24th Street for about 60 feet. The experiment is part of Pavement to Parks, a city program that endeavors to turn roadway into pedestrian space at minimal cost.

"One of the things we heard at the public workshop is 'Let's be reasoned and

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Nous l'aimons! It's French, it's tasty, and it's inexpensive. What's not to like about the newest eatery making a big impression on Noe Valleyans? See our Store Trek column on page 29 for the delectable details. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

Cozy Up to Noe Valley's Guesthouses

By Pat Rose

Need a place to stash those relatives and friends coming to visit the new baby, attend graduation, or take a tour of the City by the Bay? Look no further than your own back yard.

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Several new guesthouses have opened in the neighborhood since the *Voice* did its last survey in June 2006 (archived at *www.noevalleyvoice.com*). Three—Lynne's Guesthouse, Stay in SF, and the Noe Valley Getaway—are spotlighted in this year's roundup. We've also included a sampling of other Noe Valley guesthouses. A few have attracted visitors for a decade or more.

All are non-smoking, and most offer wi-fi Internet access, cable TV, and the fresh air of a garden or patio—something every happy traveler needs. Prices range from $89 per night for a single room to $225 per night for a large two-bedroom flat. To see photos or get more information about these lodgings, email the proprietors or check out their websites.



Lynne Maltz occasionally gets help from her granddaughter Nora Deeds when preparing for visitors to her Noe Valley Guesthouse on 25th Street. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

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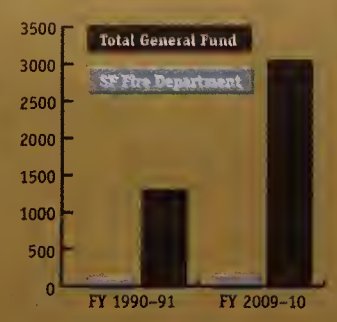
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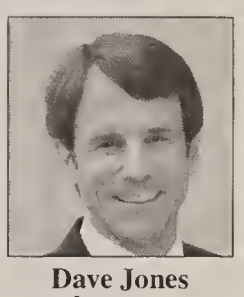
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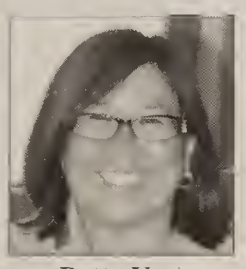
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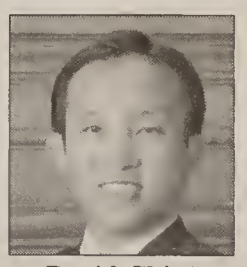
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Look Outside the Lair

Editor:

Subj: Let's Keep Noe *Close* Minded!

The half-page ad in the May edition of the *Voice* by the "Let's Keep Noe Open" group is the all too typical poisoning of the public mind towards our own government. Blame government is always the solution for those who don't get what they want. The United States is a representative democracy, and that means you can participate in your own governance. Or not. You can do nothing. You can be uninvolved. That's okay in our democracy.

But when a civic move is made, to then come out of your lair screaming, "This is top-down planning, masquerading as community-driven design!" is unconscionable.

If you want to know what's going on politically in your community, city, state, and nation, then pay attention. Otherwise, when civic movements happen that you have blithely ignored, please refrain from screaming you've been victimized. I knew all about the planned parklet at Noe and 24th Street for months, and I live over half a mile from that intersection.

Howard Fallon
27th Street

'Progress' or Rudeness

Editor:

I idly read the letters in the May issue concerning the proposed Noe Street plaza, but when I finished the one from Mary C. McFadden, I was jolted. I couldn't believe it! Where did the people she describes come from? Apparently, many pro-plaza folk think long-term residents like her should go die, should get out of the way of progress. Bicyclists give her rude hand gestures, and other supposed neighbors call her names to her face.

If there is a reason that Noe Valley (and indeed the City of San Francisco) is unique, is special, it is because of the families like that of Michael J. McFadden, M.D. [Mary McFadden's father]. These new arrivals have little understanding of the history and continuity of this neighborhood and thus little understanding of why the opinion of a Mary McFadden should be valued.

Years back, on a random weekday afternoon, one could find men sitting in Finnegan's Wake [now the Valley Tavern] while waiting for Dr. McFadden's receptionist to call them next door for their appointment. If the men weren't working, they weren't charged. These people's lives evolved in what was a true neighborhood, when churches and cultural centers and recreational activities gave focus to the families.

The proposed street plaza will do little more than mimic benches at any mall food court.

These new folk see Noe Valley as a bedroom community, a place to sleep after the commute down the peninsula, folk that can afford to live here because of that job somewhere else and who will move away when that job is eliminated in the inevitable mergers and buyouts of the industries down there.

But meantime these folk can apparently impress their friends at work with how they are "a little bit special" because they reside in Noe Valley, without ever knowing that there actually were people who once made Noe Valley special. People are not special because of where they reside but because of what they contribute to their community in how they help their neighbors. Free wi-fi is not a shared experience.

If "progress" is turning Noe Valley into the Serramonte Shopping Center, then the true residents should be against it.

Kim Kubik
San Jose Avenue

Association Approves Plaza

Editor:

On May 11, the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association went on record supporting the proposed trial of the Noe Valley Plaza *[see resolution, below]*. The vote taken was one hundred percent in favor of the proposed trial.

We are wholeheartedly in support of the proposal and believe that once a trial is under way the community will be in favor, including those adjacent as well; that a neighborhood center where neighborhood activities can be conducted and presented will benefit the entire community; and that the Noe Valley Plaza will be a model for future urban design and the cornerstone of the Mayor's Pavement to Parks program.

The Noe Valley Plaza is beneficial to our community, our neighbors, our customers, and our fellow merchants.

Robert T. Roddick, President
Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that the Noe Valley Plaza would serve the community as a whole by providing an open space to be used as a neighborhood center;

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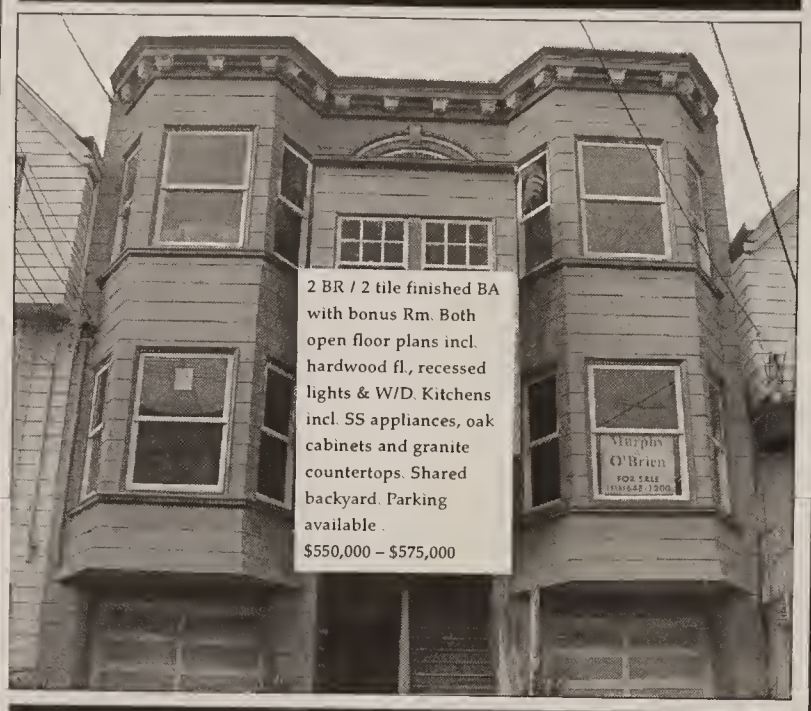
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EDITOR'S NOTE

If it's French, it's OK with us. We've always been a fan of Le Zinc, the French bistro on 24th Street. Now we also have La Boulange (de Noe) and our premier museum, the de Young in Golden Gate Park, is featuring a show of masterpieces of Impressionism. We're in heaven.

In Our Next Issue

The *Noe Valley Voice* has always valued good photography and has attracted some of the best practitioners of the craft. Next issue we pay tribute to Leo Holub, who died in April, with an obituary by Associate Editor Corrie M. Anders which will include a sampling of Holub's work. We'll also have more from other photographers who contribute to the *Voice* regularly, and more of the photos from our readers who carry a copy of this paper with them as they travel the world.

The Color of Change

Technological change and advertiser demand has driven us to run more color pages, and while we've always liked the idea, we knew that it'd be a challenge to do successfully. We hope you see a bit of an improvement with this edition. Thank you for your patience as we gain experience with the required new methods of production.



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and Professionals Association believes that the location at the south side of Noe Street at 24th Street is the ideal location for such a community center because it is the center of the 24th Street Commercial Corridor and has the recommendation of the San Francisco Planning Department;

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that the installation of the Noe Valley Plaza will boost business along the 24th Street Commercial Corridor which has been confirmed by past studies. One such study was reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*'s *Parade*, "...outdoor seating areas boost foot traffic by 20%, leading to 10% more retail sales. Local property values also increase by 7%. In San Francisco four new plazas will be open this summer."

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that the installation of the Noe Valley Plaza will add to the community, making Noe Valley a destination location for tourists and visitors;

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that once the trial installation of the plaza is established that the community as a whole will find it beneficial and prefer that it become permanent; and

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that with the proper study that the trial will afford a well-designed plan balancing the needs of the pedestrians, drivers, customers, and merchants; and

WHEREAS the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association believes that the Noe Valley Plaza is on the cutting edge of urban design for better living and will be an inspiration for other neighborhoods. This summer San Francisco is opening four new plazas;

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CLARIFICATION

In our May story titled, "The Life and Untimely Death of Charles McAleer-Bonilla," the *Voice* implied that Charles McAleer-Bonilla's son was now residing with his grandmother. The youth is living with his mother, Natasha Morton-Morimoto. We apologize for giving the wrong impression.

Two More Homicides

Editor:

I wish the sidebar in the May 2010 issue about recent homicides in Noe Valley was totally correct. However, it forgot to include the 2004 case on 26th Street, and longer ago now—it took place more than 10 years ago—the shooting in the Upper Noe gym. The *Voice* wrote articles about both of these incidents. I think it best if we remember our full history, even the unfortunate parts.

Steven Fama
26th Street

Editor's Note: Our story about the more recent case, "Death of Randy Hendricks Hard to Accept," is archived online in the April 2004 issue.

The Meat's as Good as the Cheese

Editor:

Thank you very much for your coverage of local issues every month! The *Noe Valley Voice* is always a great source of information for my husband and me.

The picture on your April issue (at *www.noevalleyvoice.com*) reminded me of something I've wanted to write about for a while now. As a background to Luey the Lamb, it shows the 24th Street Cheese Company.

My husband and I love 24th Street Cheese. Nowhere in a 20-block radius can compare. In fact, nowhere even comes close. Having lived in Switzerland, my husband has a weakness for cheese, and he gets his fix there. But that is not all. We have recently discovered their excellent selection of meat: our favorite is the Jamon Iberico. The Cheese Company is one of only two locations I know that even sells Jamon Iberico. Truffled ham from Italy, Buendnerfleiseh from Switzerland, I had not hoped to find that in our neighborhood.

I very much enjoy coming into the store and talking to the people, always knowledgeable about their cheese, and always up for a chat, the employees as well as the owner.

So I write to all the Noe Valley residents to help me keep this place in business. I know there are more convenient places to shop, but I often shop at another grocery store, then backtrack to this store to pick up my cheeses and meats, with hardly any extra effort.

I encourage you to go inside, try the cheeses, try the meats. And I am sure you, as much as my husband and I, will be sold on the better quality and reasonable prices of 24th Street Cheese. These days the store faces a lot of stiff competition. I really hope that the store remains a Noe Valley fixture for years to come, because I have come to really love it.

Sue Y.
Noe Valley resident

Bird of Paradise Lost?

Editor:

I live on Duncan Street between Church and Sanchez, and there is a bird that chirps from the hours of midnight on. Last year, I noticed it on 24th Street. It makes siren sounds, mimics car alarms, the boop-boop when you unlock your ear. What the heck is it? I look for it during the day, but I haven't seen anything but a nest. That's *my* Noe Valley voice.

Chris Lohman
Duncan Street

It could be the next version of the iPhone, but our guess is it's a mockingbird. —Ed.



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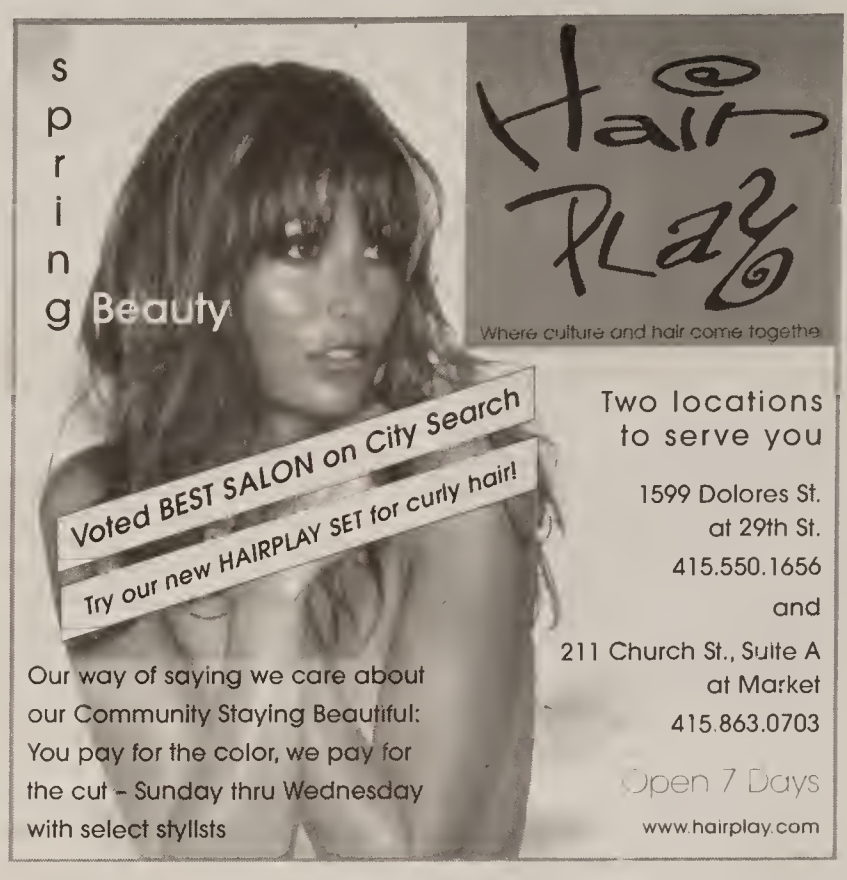
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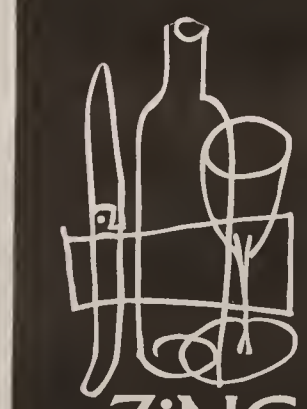
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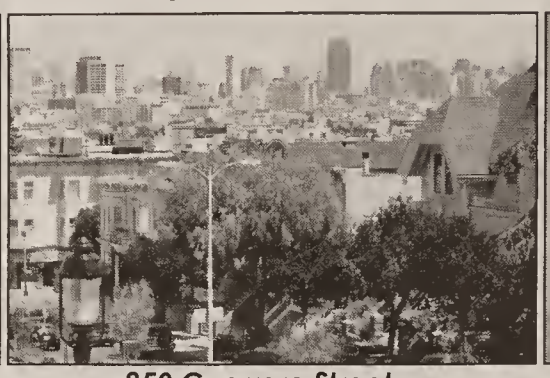
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Peace Officer Jane Warner, 1956–2010

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providing helpful safety advice.

A journalist as well, Warner wrote a "Crime and Punishment" column for the *Bay Area Reporter*. She also contributed a monthly crime log to the *Noe Valley Voice* from 2007 to 2009.

"She was ever so sweet, caring, and appreciative of the Noe Valley community," said Bernadette Melvin, owner of Bernie's coffee shop on 24th Street. Melvin said Warner was well known by Bernie's customers and staff.

"She knew us all by name," said Melvin. "We relied on her for safety and general community information."

Noe Valley merchants hired Warner to supplement policing on 24th and other neighborhood streets.

Warner's business was more than a business—it was a passion, said Jim Hammer, commissioner of the San Francisco Police Commission.

"This was not just a job to her, she truly cared for all of us," echoed Melvin. "She will be dearly missed."

No one knows this better than San Francisco Police Officer Lorraine Lombardo, who shared the Castro and Noe Valley turf with Warner for 17 years. In recent years, the two would meet for coffee at Bernie's to exchange information about the 24th Street beat, she said.

"I'm pretty upset about Jane," said Lombardo, noting that there was a makeshift shrine to Warner at Mission Station, where they were both based. "She was my 'beat buddy.'"

Lombardo recalled Warner's special touch with shopkeepers, neighbors, children, and especially dogs.



Patrol Special Police Officer Jane Warner was a welcome presence on 24th Street. She shared safety tips with residents, shoppers, and store owners, and dog treats with local pets. *Photo courtesy Dawn Warner*

She always "carried dog treats in her pocket," said Lombardo. "She had a huge heart for animals."

Warner was very involved in any rescue situation, pet or resident, said Lombardo. She recalled an incident where Warner went out of her way to help a gentleman obtain the substance abuse services he needed.

"I always respected her," said Lombardo. "I will miss her and so will her family and the community."

Warner "represented the epitome of community policing," said District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty. "Jane was such an active and important presence in the Castro and Noe Valley. Her passing touches all of us."

On May 17, Dufty proposed a resolution to the Board of Supervisors that the new plaza at 17th and Castro, across the street from Harvey Milk Plaza, be named Jane Warner Plaza.

Warner was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in late 2008. In spite of the diagnosis, she continued to manage her city-chartered police service business most of 2009 and returned to walking her beats later that year after medical professionals diagnosed her as cancer-free.

Warner started her career in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff in Hawaii in 1983, after obtaining her degree in criminal justice from Chaminade University in Hawaii. Three years later, she became an undercover police officer for the Honolulu Police Department and was honored with high merits. Warner moved to California and joined the San Anselmo Police Department. In 1993, she was hired by Patrol Special Police Officer Serge White, who owned the Castro and Noe Valley beats.

During her two decades as a patrol special police officer, Warner was honored with many commendations from the San Francisco Police Department, District Attorney's Office, Police Commission, Board of Supervisors, California State Senate, and merchants groups, including the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. The week after her death, Dufty and Hammer marked her service to San Francisco by adjourning the Board of Supervisors and Police Commission meetings in her memory.

Warner became president of the San Francisco Patrol Special Police Officers' Association, advocating on behalf of the private policing service, in 2005. She was a regular fixture at many community, merchant, and resident meetings, learning about community needs and providing information about neighborhood policing, patrol special police, and safety.

Warner was born Nov. 7, 1956, the youngest of three sisters, and raised in White Salmon, Washington. Warner's sisters fondly remember their younger sister lobbying her school and public officials on various issues throughout her childhood.

In April, Warner's family handed over management of Warner's beats to Melissa Handman, which was her wish.

"It is my deepest wish, as well as the wish of the merchants we serve, that the patrol special community police work continues in the future," Warner said in a statement the week prior to her passing.

In between tears, Dawn Warner thanked the community for its support during the family's loss and time of grieving. Warner's sister, Carol Lynn Fitch, said that Jane was cherished by family and "loved beyond measure."

In lieu of flowers, Warner's family suggests that donations be made in her memory to Rocket Dog Rescue *(www.rocketdogrescue.org)*, San Francisco SPCA *(www.sfspca.org)*, or the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund *(www.ocrf.org)*.

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New Plaza-bilities On the City's Drawing Board

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purposeful,'" said Alumbaugh.

Now under consideration, along with the car-free plaza, are "parklets," smaller areas that displace parking spots to widen the sidewalk without affecting traffic. While the department had originally proposed a parklet on Noe Street as a possible alternative to the plaza, some at the April meeting suggested it should be placed in front of a coffee shop on 24th Street rather than next to Starbucks.

"Maybe down around Martha and Brothers seems to me like a good place to do that," Alumbaugh said.

That approach doesn't sit well with Bob Roddick, president of the community benefit district that partnered with the city on the project.

"The only thing we've endorsed is the plaza," he said. That vote happened months ago when a P2P representative approached the Noe Valley Association (CBD) with a site already chosen and asked the group if it would keep the plaza clean and well maintained, he said.

"We were solicited by the city, and we agreed to what they offered," said Roddick, who is also president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. In May, the NVMPA issued a statement supporting the trial run of the plaza, which, as first designed, would put portable seating, potted plants, and other landscaping on the Noe Street pavement for a possible two to six months.

Roddick, who owns Noe Valley Law Offices on Castro near Jersey, wants the city to fulfill its commitment by moving forward with the trial and soliciting community opinion after. If people don't like it, it will go, he said.

"We're not interested in paying for something no one wants," he said. The NVA—not the city—would be responsible for upkeep; community stewardship is another component of the P2P program.

Neither do expanded options sit well with trial opponent Joel Panzer, a Jersey Street resident who spoke out against closing Noe at a Planning Commission meeting May 13.

Panzer, owner of RMC Real Management Company on Castro Street, said he left the commission meeting understanding that the closure of Noe Street was no longer an option.

"There are no closures of Noe Street," he told the *Voice*. "That's totally out because that's what we were promised."

In rare concordance, both Roddick and Panzer agreed that parklets were not in the original proposal. They might be nice, they said, but they are not what is at stake at the moment.

Meanwhile, in early May, the Planning Department extended its traffic studies around Noe Street to include several intersections along the 24th Street corridor. Wire cables were stretched across Noe, Jersey, Elizabeth, Castro, and Sanchez streets to count vehicles at peak hours.

Traffic engineers can make inferences for a number of [plaza or parklet] sites based on the data, Alumbaugh said. He said the traffic study results and new details about a plaza or parklet trial would be presented at the June meeting.

In a May 14 electronic letter to neighbors, Pavement to Parks head Andres Power wrote that the department is looking for an option that will be acceptable to the broadest cross section of the community.

"Even exploring the idea of a temporary trial closure of Noe Street has been very disturbing to some in the community, when its purpose was to test an idea that would bring the community together. Especially in the face of this sensitivity, we want to reiterate our commitment to taking a reasoned and tempered approach to seeing if there can be consensus behind the idea of a temporary trial closure of Noe Street or some other street in the neighborhood," Powers wrote.

Achieving consensus may be an uphill battle. Opponents to the trial continued to distribute window placards and man a table at the Saturday farmer's market last month, collecting more than 500 names on a petition to keep Noe open. Proponents started their own petition in support of the trial, which by late May had garnered 400 signatures, said John Murphy, a 23rd Street resident who maintains a pro-plaza blog, *yesnoevalley.blogspot.com*. ■

Meeting Set for June 23

At press time, Supervisor Bevan Dufty sent word to the Voice *that the second community meeting would be held Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m., at St. Philip's School, 665 Elizabeth Street at Diamond. All are invited.*

Hayride and Petting Zoo Get Top Billing at the Summer Fest

By Heather World

Missed the hayride at the Harvest Festival last October? Then be sure to catch the next stage on Saturday, June 19, when the horses return to 24th Street for the inaugural Noe Valley Midsummer Festival, sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association.

Riders can hop aboard the horse-drawn wagon anytime between 3 and 6 p.m., starting at Walgreen's on Castro Street near Jersey. The coach will travel east along 24th Street, then loop back around to the Castro junction.

But this will be no usual spin around the block, says David Eiland, co-owner of Just for Fun and an association member. The free hayride will do pickups at two other spots on 24th Street, where the merchants have corralled a bunch of fun activities for both children and adults.

"This is a whole family event, and we are very excited to be presenting it for the first time," says Eiland.

Stop one will be the Whole Foods Market parking lot, which is hosting an organic gardening demonstration. Alongside the garden experts will be local beekeepers, who'll talk about the bees and share samples of their honey. Meanwhile, kids can get busy on creating a sidewalk mural, with free chalk provided by the group Chalk4Peace.

Stop two will be the Noe Valley Ministry parking lot (also known as the farmer's market), which will offer face-painting and—the festival's big draw—a petting zoo.

Little Explorers Mobile Petting Zoo promises to bring an assortment of animals to pet, feed, and brush. Don't be surprised if you see angora goats, baby doll sheep, miniature potbelly pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, or ducks.

"Animals are always cool," says Eiland. "Kids of all ages want to go to a petting zoo."

Music at the festival comes courtesy of the teen girl band The SHE'S, performing in front of Real Food Company's storefront across from Whole Foods. Two roving musicians, flamenco guitarist Ryan Garcia and accordion player Renée de la Prade, will play on the street corners. Fair goers should be sure to stop by Noe Valley Bakery, which is offering a free cookie to celebrate the day.

The party is organized by the association's newly formed events committee. Its purpose, says Eiland, is to energize the neighborhood, as well as 24th Street.

"We want to bring the Noe Valley community together," he says. "[The festival] is going to be a very happy event for everybody. Hopefully, we'll have nice weather too."

Committee member Cindy Wilson—of Wilson West, a Noe Valley-based event management firm—also has volunteered her talents to the day's festivities.

"The idea is to provide the community some fun activities while shopping on 24th Street," Wilson says.

She says that in addition to Whole Foods and Zephyr Real Estate, two new kids on the block—Circle Bank and La Boulange—have donated money for the event.

"I think they realize community is a big part of the Noe Valley experience," Wilson says. ■







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Rest Easy—Noe Valley Has a Host Of Guesthouses

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Beth Mazie and Jerel Glassman, and their kids Malia and Jake, welcome families to their Noe Valley Getaway, which has sleep space for four, a full kitchen, and a deck and patio shaded by a lemon tree. *Photos by Pamela Gerard*

Lynne's Noe Valley Guesthouse

25th Street between Church and Vicksburg streets
Phone: 415-601-7654
Email: lynnemaltz@gmail.com
Website: lynnes-noevalley-vrho.com

Lynne Maltz has lived in Noe Valley for 28 years. After her daughter returned from college and got married, Maltz decided to convert the downstairs area of her home into an apartment for the newlyweds. Last year, after her daughter and family moved to their own home and Maltz retired, she decided to rent the space to out-of-town guests.

Maltz advertises mostly by word-of-mouth. She says she has been fortunate to meet lots of moms in the local parks where she takes her 19-month-old granddaughter during the week. "All the mothers of the babies I meet have families that need a place to stay when they come and visit," says Maltz.

The one-bedroom apartment features a queen bed with a sofa bed in the living room. Guests will find an efficiency kitchen stocked with Martha's Coffee, milk, and cereal. For entertainment, there's cable TV with a DVD player, wi-fi, and a small outdoor patio. Best of all, there's garage parking.

Maltz says she loves meeting and hosting new people. "I always go out and get bagels and cream cheese for guests, and let them know about our Saturday farmer's market and the local restaurants to check out. I'm making lots of new friends, and I get to meet their children and grandchildren."

Lynne's Noe Valley Guesthouse sleeps three adults, or two adults and two children.

Stay in SF

30th Street between Church and Dolores streets
Phone: 415-309-4909
Email: stayinsf@hotmail.com
Website: stayinsf.googlepages.com; vrbo.com/191754

Teri and Gerry Henderson have been offering their large two-bedroom guest flat for rent since Teri's father died almost two years ago. "We bought the flat so that my father wouldn't have to move when the building was put up for sale. After he died, we remodeled and began renting it to guests," said Teri.

The ground-level flat can accommodate up to six people. It features two bedrooms, a full kitchen, formal dining room, full bath, and a living room with a comfortable pull-out sofa. Guests can easily get connected to the Internet, and there's also a flat-screen TV with cable, a DVD player, and a washer and dryer. Out back is a large garden and deck with table and chairs and a barbeque grill.

The Hendersons keep a portable crib, stroller, and extra Aerobeds (inflatable mattresses) to make life easier for families traveling with small children. In addition, the house is conveniently located just up the block from Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center and Park.

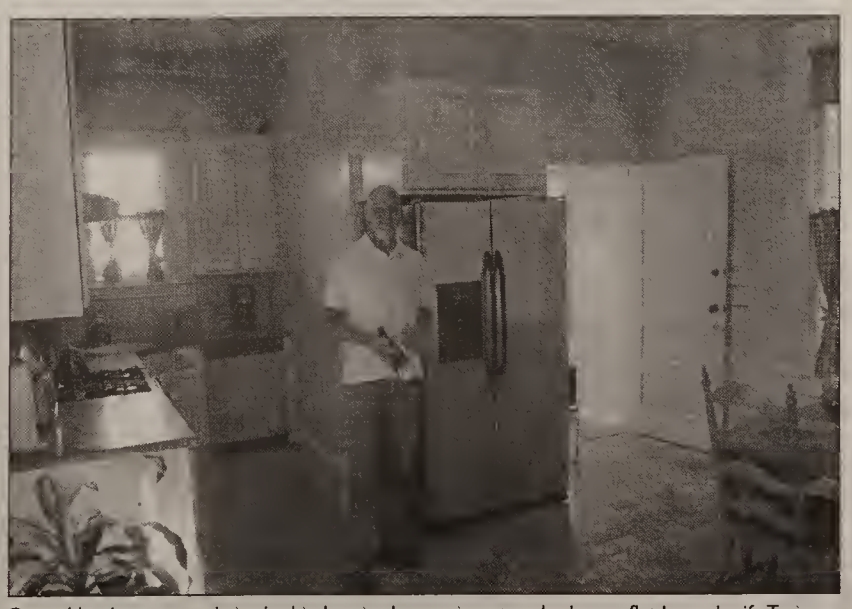
The couple welcome families visiting for weddings or other events. Their apartment is also a popular spot for neighbors who are remodeling and need a place to stay for a month or more.

Noe Valley Getaway

22nd Street between Noe and Sanchez streets
Phone: 415-826-6950
Email: bmazie@sbcglobal.net
Website: vrbo.com/273193

Beth Mazie and her husband, Jerel Glassman, bought their house on 22nd Street in 1995. They remodeled the downstairs apartment last year and began offering it as a vacation rental in March. Beth works as an attorney in a non-profit law firm assisting people with disabilities, and Jerel is a physician working in rehabilitation medicine. They have two children, Malia and Jake, and Wolfie, their big black dog. "We live on a really friendly block with kids out on the street riding bikes and rollerblading when the weather is nice."

Most of their guests are people visiting family in San Francisco or former city residents. Children are also particularly welcome. "My 6-year-old daughter loves the people visiting now, because they have a 5-year-old and they met and played together one day when we were all home," said Mazie.



Gerry Henderson stands in the kitchen in the spacious two-bedroom flat he and wife Teri rent out on 30th Street. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

Their street-level one-bedroom apartment has a private entrance with one full-sized bed in the master bedroom and a convertible queen sofa bed in the living room. It features a full kitchen, a washer and dryer in the unit, cable TV, wi-fi, and a deck and patio.

Noe Valley Getaway can accommodate two adults and two children.

A Peek at Other Noe Valley Hideaways

Dolores Place

25th Street between Church and Dolores streets
Phone: 415-824-8728
Email: dave@doloresplace.com
Website: doloresplace.com

Dolores Place is a studio guestroom located in the lower unit of a charming 100-year-old Victorian row house. The room has a private entrance, a kitchenette, and a sunny deck. Owner Dave Kettering, who lives upstairs in the house, stocks a continental-style breakfast—fresh fruit, yogurt, sweet rolls, cereal, coffee and tea—the night before his guests check in.

Garden Cottage

28th Street between Sanchez and Church streets
Phone: 415-225-6905
Email: info@sanfranciscogarden cottage.com
Website: sfgardencottage.com

A garden full of camellias, roses, lavender, and sunflowers is the setting for this cozy one-room cottage off 28th Street. The garden separates the cottage from the owner's historic 1885 Victorian home. With accommodations for three guests, the cottage features a small sitting room with a convertible sofa, bath with shower, a queen-sized bed, full kitchen, and extras like cable TV, DVD, and a radio/CD player.

Hidden Cottage
Island Cottage
Cecilia Cottage

Phone: 415-282-4492
Email: noe@aol.com
Website: hidden-cottage.com

Local realtor Ginger Karels-Cannata and family have three guesthouses in the neighborhood. Their original guesthouse suite, "Hidden Cottage," is in the back of a landmark two-story white Victorian farmhouse on Noe Street, where the family has lived since 1979. Karels-Cannata and her late husband, Dave Cannata, who passed away in 2008, began offering the guesthouse in 1995, and later added two additional one-bedroom guest apartments in a Victorian on Elizabeth Street, "Island Cottage" and "Cecilia Cottage."

Ideal for couples, Hidden Cottage features a sun deck off the bedroom and a large bathroom with double tub, marble floors, and a skylight. Island and Cecilia—each sleeping three—have sitting rooms and full kitchens with pantries stocked with coffee, juice, and croissants. All three cottages have beautiful gardens for guests to enjoy.

Noe's Nest Bed & Breakfast

Guerrero Street near 24th Street
Phone: 415-821-0751
Email: noesnest@aol.com
Website: noesnest.com

Noe's Nest is a stately 19th-century Victorian on the eastern edge of Noe Valley. It offers several rooms for guests, each with a private bath, cable TV, DVD player, private phone with free local calls, and free wi-fi. Owner Sheila Ash serves a full breakfast, buffet-style, in her large eat-in kitchen overlooking the back patio garden. The spread includes fresh fruit and juice, bagels, lox, cream cheese, cereal, pancakes, tarts, eggs, coffee, and tea. Ash also caters to kosher clients.

Noe Valley/Mission Garden Apartment

Fair Oaks Street near 24th Street
Phone: 415-970-8177
Website: hemyguestsf.com

Just down the hill from 24th Street is a quiet one-bedroom in-law apartment that offers a queen bed, full kitchen, a bath with tub and shower, and access to a sunny garden patio. The apartment sleeps four.

Noe Valley Guest Quarters

25th Street between Church and Sanchez streets
Email: kchwch@gmail.com

Local caterer Dion Drislane bought her 1889 Noe Valley home 20 years ago when it still had a toilet on the back porch and one outlet in each room. She built a ground-level apartment on the home's downstairs mud floor to live in while she spent nine months remodeling the rest of the home.

That one-bedroom apartment has been a guesthouse for visitors for the past five years. It features a queen bed and an overstuffed chair with ottoman, a bathroom with shower, a TV, and other amenities.

Vacation Room Rental

29th Street at Noe Street
Phone: 415-821-4890
Email: emarsh5108@aol.com

Two rooms and a bath are available on the second floor of this home on 29th Street, a short walk from shops, the 24-Divisadero, and the J-Church streetcar. The rooms, offering a queen bed and double bed, sleep four comfortably. Conveniences include a microwave, toaster oven, electric teakettle, and mini-fridge.

Vicksburg Street Guesthouse

Vicksburg Street at 23rd Street
Phone: 415-285-6433 or 415-215-2617

This large studio apartment sits in the back of Jim Goodwin's Victorian house one block from 24th Street restaurants and shops. The entrance is through a locked alleyway that leads to a patio and garden. The studio offers a queen bed and a full eat-in kitchen, and is designed for one or two guests. ■



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Sweating the Summer at Upper Noe Rec Center

By Heather World

Parks across the city are bulking up to slim down, due to city budget woes and a staff reshuffling at the Recreation and Park Department. At Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center on Day Street, this means park users will see more activities for kids this summer, but fewer familiar faces in the coaching staff this fall.

On May 11, Mayor Gavin Newsom tripled the number of citywide camp and swim class openings to mitigate the impact of shuttered summer schools, which had been closed by the cash-strapped school district. The summer swell means Upper Noe will hold summer camp for the first time. In addition, the facility will have a full complement of staff, including two new junior camp counselors, says Recreation and Park Department spokesperson Elton Pon.



Upper Noe Rec Center coach Rachelle "Rocky" Henley poses with her class of 7- to 9-year-old tennis pros. Kneeling (left to right) are Alyssa McDowell and Maggie Altman; standing in back are Megan Lucey, Ella Tang, Simonne Alunan, and Grace Kanaley. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

At the same time, the mayor's office sought to close the city's $438 million budget gap by sending pink slips to 15,000 city employees. Many of the layoffs were rescinded following union negotiations—including some in Rec and Park—but those affected by the employee reorganization remain in limbo, says Rocky Henley, one of four recreation directors at Upper Noe.

"They're setting up all these camps and then we got our pink slips," says Henley, who has been coaching for Rec and Park for 16 years. "It's been tricky."

Directors like Henley could be promoted to a more senior position, she explains, but there will be fewer such positions overall. About 130 employees will be vying for 58 jobs.

Though they haven't been told an exact date, Henley says she and her colleagues expect the ax to fall during the crowded summer schedule, and the timing could not be worse.

"We're going to be angry and upset," she says. "It's going to be a very odd summer, that's for sure."

Part-Time 'Recreation Leaders'

Rec and Park officials lament the job losses, but say the department's reorganization will save money while adding programming. Today, site-based directors like Henley plan and lead everything from clay classes to circuit training to softball, says Pon. The new structure, to be implemented when school starts Aug. 16, will centralize planning and leave teaching and coaching to part-time as-needed "recreation leaders," he says.

"We're moving away from a location-based structure and looking toward a citywide structure," Pon says, adding that the new setup follows successful models in other cities.

Henley says she hopes to make the cut, but if she does, she will miss coaching children. Parents also have told her they will miss having an athletic female role model, she says.

"I still want to be with the children, but I feel like my hands are tied and maybe this is the next step in my life," says Henley, who came to Upper Noe last September. As part of her application to be a coordinator responsible for one program citywide, Henley proposed a plan for girls athletics.

One such part-time program coordinator will be housed at Upper Noe, alongside one full-time facility coordinator who will bring in programming based on the advice of a local community advisory group, says Pon.

That group is likely to have participants from Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center, established in 2005 and made up of neighbors and park users.

"It does seem worrisome that they're going to cut back on staffing time," says Friends co-chair Molly Sterkel. Her group's primary concern is filling the hours with programming, be that public or private, she says.

"I'd like to advocate for that space being used every hour of the day—whoever rents it," says Sterkel. "We want to make sure it's staffed in such a way to accommodate that, and it's hard for me to judge if that's going to happen."

Meanwhile, the department is looking for creative ways to generate revenue that could include leasing facilities to private recreation services, Pon says.

Douglass Playground over on Douglass Street, for example, is an afternoon latchkey site available for weekend rentals such as birthday parties. The department will look to fill the site's mornings with an outside group that could offer programming independently or partner with Rec and Park, Pon says.

The new hours of operation for all major park facilities will be Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and varied hours on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, go to *sfreconline.*

To find out about the activities of Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center, go to *www.noevalleyreccenter.com.* ■

SUMMER LINEUP

Upper Noe Recreation Center and Park will offer a summer camp for children ages 6 to 9, from June 7 to Aug. 13. The camp, called Summer Art and Sport Explosion, has slots for 24 kids, who will be divided into two groups. The camp is all day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and an extended day care is available.

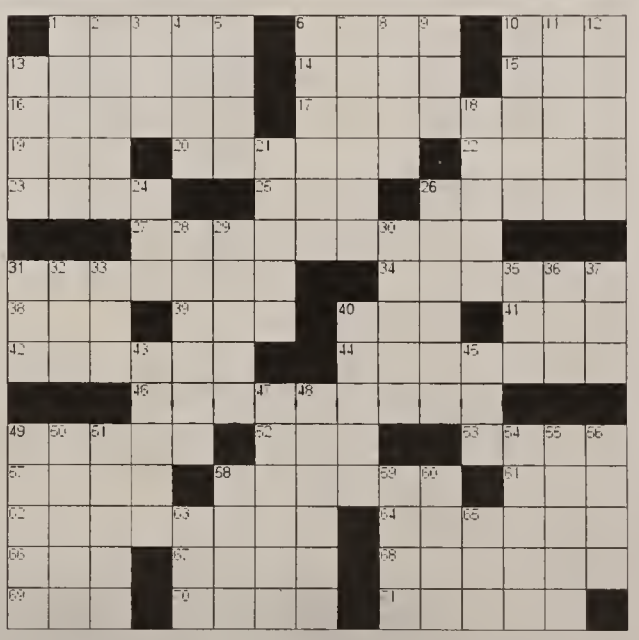
Directors Rocky Henley and Tom Sandoval will also host a drop-in Movie and Family Night every Friday, from June 25 to Aug. 13. Sandoval will coach teen basketball while Henley organizes family kickball or football on the field. If the weather turns cold or wet, they'll move everyone inside for a movie and popcorn.

Regular summer programming includes athletics for adults and youth and three classes for toddlers. Register for classes and camp at the facility at 295 Day Street on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on Monday through Friday, June 7 to 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. You also may sign up online at *sfreconline.gov.* Summer camp for 6- and 7-year-olds at the site has already been filled, Henley says.



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ACROSS

1. Goethe character who makes a pact with the devil
6. Consumer
10. Cigar residue
13. Swiss granola
14. Hockey disk
15. Flowery island welcome
16. Part of A.S.A.P.
17. Sent to Adda Clevenger Junior Prep
19. Cpl. or Sgt.
20. *L.A. Law* and *NYPD Blue* creator Steven
22. "Sold!" to an auctioneer
23. Klutz's interjection
25. Tic-tac-toe winner
26. ___-Detoo (*Star Wars* robot)
27. Adjudicate out of court
31. Battery type
34. X-ray follow-up at St. Luke's
38. "Rocks," at Bliss Bar
39. Family gal
40. "Sine ___ non"
41. Paper towel thickness
42. Topeka native
44. Outdated, in dictionaries
46. Where Noe Valley's sun sets ***(Draw it by connecting the 15 O's in this puzzle)***
49. Borders
52. Birth control option, briefly
53. Carton sealer
57. Lion's den
58. Hard-to-read writing
61. Noe playwright Charlie Varon's character, "Rabbi ___"
62. Tchaikovsky ballet
64. Balloon filler
66. Parker Guest House, for one
67. Years and years
68. Eagerly
69. Superlative finish
71. Wee parasites

DOWN

1. Last name of Rolf, Lance, Al, and Lars, in the comics
2. Famous fable writer
3. Stephen Colbert's Iraq-tour sponsor: Abbr.
4. Hardly a neatnik
5. Martinez of baseball
6. Final result
7. Aid and comfort
8. Canyon effect
9. Early MGM rival
10. Assign, as a portion
11. "I ___ ___ reason why not"
12. Pitcher Nomo
13. Hand in the Mission
18. Fairy-tale monsters
21. Mattress innards
24. Cul-de-___
26. "Sic 'em, Rover"
28. Pancakes served with sour cream
30. High-end Honda
31. "Hägar the Horrible" cartoonist Browne
32. "His Master's Voice" co.
33. Desire
35. April 15 adviser
36. "The Greatest" in the ring
37. JFK and LGA locale
40. Al-___: jihadi group
43. Back of a boat
45. President after F.D.R.
47. Dime's partner
48. Most unadulterated
49. "Clo"'s East Coast "cowunterpart"
50. Sunrises
51. San Francisco ball player
54. Actor's whisper
55. St. ___ Noe Valley church
56. Oscar relative
60. SF jeansmaker Strauss
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65. Ignited

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The Cost of Living in Noe

A Respectable April

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley home shoppers purchased 10 single-family dwellings in April, recording double-digit sales for the second month in a row.

"We're continuing to see the good effects of what appears to be a stabilizing economy," says Randall Kostick, general sales manager for Zephyr Real Estate. Zephyr provides the *Voice* with monthly sales data.

The April tally was three fewer than in March. Still, it was more than triple the number recorded last April, when just three single-family homes changed hands in the neighborhood.

Though the current real estate market has tended to favor buyers, most buyers in April chose not to haggle and paid the seller's asking price.

"There's just enough competition that people are not willing to try and lowball a sales price," Kostick says. "They just take the price if they think it's a fair price."

The average sales price for April was $1,269,100, which was about $100,000 less than a month earlier. Deals took about seven weeks to close—two weeks longer than in March.

Two homes sold for more than $2 million in April. The highest-priced was a $2,595,000 four-bedroom, 3.5-bath house with two-car garage, located in the 4000 block of 26th Street between Noe and Sanchez streets.

The condominium splurge of March, when 10 units were sold, was not repeated in April. April clocked just four condo sales in Noe Valley—the same as in April a year ago—and buyers on average paid 7 percent below the seller's asking price.

Condominiums sold at an average price of $990,000. A newly built property was the most expensive condo sold in April, with a price tag just under $1.5 million. The three-bedroom, two-bath unit, with one-car parking, is located in the 1000 block of Guerrero Street between 22nd and 23rd streets. ■

Note: The small sample sizes in the above comparisons may limit their significance.

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price ($)	High Price ($)	Average Price ($)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price As % of List Price
Single-family homes						
April 2010	10	$550,000	$2,595,000	$1,269,100	49	100%
March 2010	13	$650,000	$2,975,000	$1,369,130	35	101%
April 2009	3	$875,000	$2,400,000	$1,828,333	99	98%
Condominiums						
April 2010	4	$640,000	$1,490,000	$990,000	38	93%
March 2010	10	$700,000	$1,625,000	$1,065,555	30	99%
April 2009	4	$665,000	$1,155,000	$911,000	124	98%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
April 2010	2	$810,000	$1,050,000	$930,000	278	96%
March 2010	1	$1,465,000	$1,465,000-	$1,465,000	40	92%
April 2009	2	$1,048,000	$1,550,000	$1,299,000	147	99%
5+-unit buildings						
April 2010	0	—	—	—	—	—
March 2010	0	—	—	—	—	—
April 2009	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Sales include all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley in this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate *(www.zephyrsf.com)* for supplying the sales data. *NVV 6/10*

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range May 2010	Average May 2010	Average April 2010	*Average May 2009*
Studio	3	$1,050 – $1,500	$1,250 / mo.	$1,306 / mo.	*$1,335 / mo.*
1-bdrm	38	$1,350 – $2,750	$1,889 / mo.	$1,834 / mo.	*$1,853 / mo.*
2-bdrm	31	$1,850 – $4,385	$2,777 / mo.	$2,673 / mo.	*$2,776 / mo.*
3-bdrm	9	$3,196 – $6,000	$4,029 / mo.	$4,054 / mo.	*$4,158 / mo.*
4+-bdrm	2	$4,550 – $6,900	$5,725 / mo.	$4,548 / mo.	*$5,532 / mo.*

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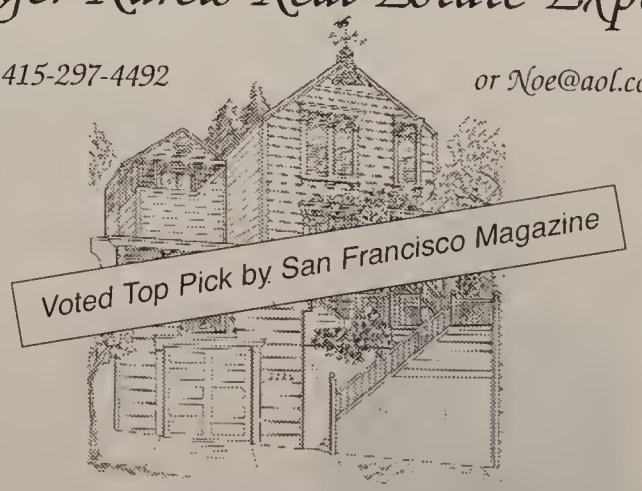
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REPORT FROM MISSION STATION

The Voice thanks 24th Street Beat Officer Lorraine Lombardo for providing this tally of incidents occurring in the part of Noe Valley within the Mission Police District. The log includes some but not all incidents reported April 11 to May 10, 2010, in the area bordered by Grand View, 21st, Guerrero, and Cesar Chavez streets. To contact Officer Lombardo, call Mission Station at 558-5400.

April 14, 8 a.m., Sanchez & Hill, Auto Burglary: Victim parked his locked vehicle overnight. When he returned, he found the front passenger-side window broken and his iPod and adapter stolen.

April 14, 10 a.m., Douglass & 25th, Auto Burglary: Victim parked his rental car overnight and when he returned found the front passenger window smashed. His MP3 player and GPS device were stolen from the glove box. His Minolta camera and suitcase were taken from the front passenger floor.

April 14, 10:15 p.m., first block of Hill, Stolen Auto: A green, two-door 2000 Honda Civic.

April 17, 11:55 p.m., 200 block of Jersey, Exhibiting Deadly Weapon: Police responded to a call of a subject with a knife. The altercation between roommates happened over the theft of a grapefruit and prescription pain medication. One roommate armed herself with a kitchen knife and threatened the other.

April 30, 9:30 p.m., 4000 block of 26th, Stolen Bicycles: A black Look 555 racing hike ($2,000) and a blue older mountain hike with blue trim were stolen from the garage of a building where the garage door may have been left unsecured.

May 1, 11 a.m., Clipper & Sanchez, Auto Burglary: Victim parked his vehicle on the street for three days. When he returned, he found his back passenger window had been broken and various tools had been stolen.

May 2, 11:40 p.m., 21st near Sanchez, Vehicle Accident: A man suspected of driving under the influence of drugs ran into a parked vehicle, spun out, and then hit another parked vehicle. He was placed under arrest for driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license, and not having a license in his possession.

May 4, 11:45 p.m., 24th & Church, Man High on Drugs: Officers were sent to a call to check on the well-being of a man who was "severely tweaking." They found him to be agitated and in constant motion. He continuously grabbed his hair, moved his head from side to side, and showed other odd behavior. He was identified as a parolee and placed under arrest for being in possession of narcotics paraphernalia. The California Department of Corrections placed a parole hold on him.

May 7, 3:40 p.m., 3900 block of 24th, Vehicle Accident: Officer Lombardo responded to a call of an accident in front of Whole Foods Market. She found that a parked ambulance, with two paramedics sitting inside it, had been hit by a Whole Foods customer making a right turn after leaving the parking lot. Both vehicles had damage, but no one was hurt.

—Officer Lorraine Lombardo
Mission Police Station



REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The following police blotter covers incidents reported April 11 to May 10, in Upper Noe Valley—the area roughly bounded by Cesar Chavez, Guerrero, 30th, and Diamond streets. The incidents were culled from newsletters produced by Capt. Louis Cassanego of Ingleside Police Station. The log may not include all crimes reported during the period.

April 10, 10 a.m., Valley at Church, Theft from Locked Vehicle: A victim called 311 and reported that his vehicle was forcefully entered by an unknown suspect who broke a window and pried the car door. The suspect took numerous items of property from the passenger compartment of the vehicle, including a GPS unit and an iPod.

April 12, 8:07 a.m., Church at 30th, Pickpocket: Officer Hopkins responded to the report of a robbery. The victim said she was waiting at a bus stop when she noticed a male staring at her. She turned her head away, and that is when the suspect reached into her pocket and stole her cell phone. The suspect then fled the scene on foot. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male (5-foot-7, 150 pounds, 16 to 18 years old) wearing a black hat with a black jacket and blue pants.

April 13, 1:06 p.m., 1500 block of Sanchez, Credit Application Fraud: A married couple told Officer Sanchez that they were victims of fraud. They received a bill from a company with whom they had no business. They learned from a company representative that an account had been opened in the husband's name and with the wife's social security number. They also discovered that someone had attempted to apply for a credit card with a large chain store using the same information. The credit had been denied. The couple were advised to contact the credit reporting agencies.

April 13, 8:30 a.m., 400 block of 28th, Stolen Auto

April 14, 6:22 p.m., 1400 block of Church, Fraud: Officer Sugitan and Officer Hom responded to the report of fraud. The victim said that while checking his online bank statement, he discovered that his cleaning lady had used his checking account to pay for his Comcast bill without permission.

April 14, 9:57 p.m., first block of 28th, Burglary: Officer Brown was dispatched to the report of a burglary. The victim said that one of his family members had left the

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Police Borders

Noe Valley is split between two San Francisco police jurisdictions—Mission Police District and Ingleside Police District—with Cesar Chavez Street as the dividing line. Mission Station covers the northern half of the neighborhood, while Ingleside patrols the southern half. Both districts invite citizens to attend police community meetings, held monthly. Mission Police District holds meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., at Mission Station, 630 Valencia Street near 17th Street. Ingleside's community meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at different locations in the district. This month, the meeting will be held June 15 at Ingleside Station, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane.

Police Contacts

Mission Station: 558-5400
Anonymous Tip Line: 552-4558
Newsletter: *sfpd.mission.station@sfgov.org*
Capt. Greg Corrales: 558-5455
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Ingleside Station: 404-4000
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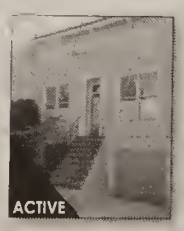
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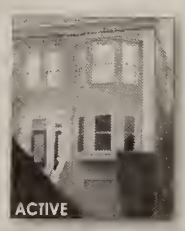
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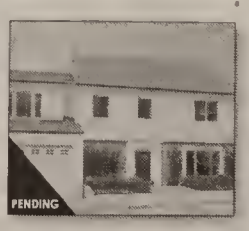
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building's garage door open and someone had stolen his bicycle from the garage.

April 16, 7:25 a.m., first block of 29th, Recovered Auto

April 19, 12:20 a.m., 100 block of 29th, Burglary, Residence and Vehicle: Sergeant Heidohrn arrived first at a burglary-in-progress call and detained a suspect inside the victims' garage. Other Ingleside officers responded shortly thereafter, including Officer Guzman, and conducted an investigation. The suspect was found to have entered the locked building by forcing a door open. The suspect entered the garage and broke into one vehicle and entered two others, attempting to steal the vehicles. The suspect entered the living areas of the buildings and entered a unit where no one was home. Property belonging to the suspect was found in the apartment unit. The victim identified the suspect, and he was taken into custody.

April 19, 6:15 a.m., 1600 block of Church, Narcotics Paraphernalia: Officer Trujillo, with other Ingleside officers, responded to an apartment regarding a dispute. Upon their arrival they met with a woman who stated that she and her boyfriend had had an argument and that her boyfriend had left the residence. The officers found him hiding in a closet. Though there was no merit to a physical confrontation, the officers found narcotics paraphernalia on the male suspect. The suspect was cited and released at the scene.

April 19, 8:31 a.m., 700 block of 27th, False Impersonation: While working station duty, Officer Altamirano was approached by a victim who stated that she was just informed by a collection agency that an account was opened in her name with her social security number, with a cell phone company. The victim had not opened the account and had not authorized another to do so.

April 20, 3:45 p.m., Church & 28th, Robbery with Force: Officer Androvich responded to a robbery report. The victim told the officer that he was riding an outbound J-Church LRV when an African American adult male, 20 to 24, 5-foot-10, 170 pounds, wearing a black beanie cap and a fake diamond earring, shoved him and grabbed his hand. The victim was holding his iPhone and listening to music via earphones. The suspect forced the phone from the victim's hand and pulled the earphones from his ears. The suspect then ran from the train.

April 22, 4:34 p.m., 2400 block of Castro, Theft from Vehicle: PSA Guituan prepared a report at Ingleside Station regarding a theft from a vehicle. The victim said that she returned to her parked vehicle to find that one of the windows was shattered. The victim's purse and GPS system were missing from inside the vehicle.

April 26, 10:48 a.m., 1900 block of Diamond, Burglary: Officer Rucca responded to a report of a burglary in progress. The victim said that he was inside his home when he heard the sound of the rustling of papers from downstairs in the house. The victim investigated and found a window broken near the front door. He then discovered that his wallet, which had been on a counter, was opened and some cash was missing.

May 6, 9:38 p.m., 200 block of 29th, Burglary/Auto Theft: Officer Pigford and Officer Fung responded to the report of a burglary. The victim said that he was inside his house when he heard suspicious noises in his garage. When he went to investigate, he saw his car speeding off down the street. Also missing from the garage were two mountain bikes.

May 8, 11 a.m., 400 block of 29th, Burglary, Apartment, Forced Entry: The owner of an apartment building called regarding a burglary. Officers Ma and Garcia spoke with the victim, who told them that an unknown suspect forced the front door and garage door of the building. The suspect then broke the locks off of numerous closets within the garage and stole numerous items of electronics and cameras. One of the tenants also had property stolen from the garage.

May 8, 8 a.m. 200 block of Valley, Stolen Auto

Police Beat was compiled and edited by Jan Goben and Sally Smith.

Online Shopping? Rendezvous at the Bank

In his May 4 online newsletter, Ingleside Station Capt. Louis Cassanego warned of the hazards of meeting a stranger in unfamiliar surroundings.

A report came across my desk of a robbery with a knife. The victim saw an advertisement on Craigslist.com for a Microsoft X-Box and agreed to meet the seller in the Sunnydale Public Housing Community. When the victim arrived, he was told to drive to a unit a block or two away. Once at the new location, the victim was set upon by two suspects and robbed at knifepoint. Robberies involving Craigslist ads have been more common in the East Bay, but this is the first I've heard of one in the Visitacion Valley area.

If you do use Craigslist to shop, I suggest you use a great deal of caution. The suspect will probably bring reinforcements, know you have an approximate amount of cash, and be familiar with the terrain of the meeting. When a possible victim arrives, the suspect can assess if the victim is alone, vulnerable, and naive. The suspect has all the advantages and can simply walk away, if he suspects something is awry.

One way to avoid being a victim is to meet the seller in a public forum, where there are plenty of people about and security and video cameras are the standard. For example, you can ask the seller to meet you in your bank, where you can withdraw the cash when the deal is struck.

Noe Slaying Still Unsolved

By Corrie M. Anders

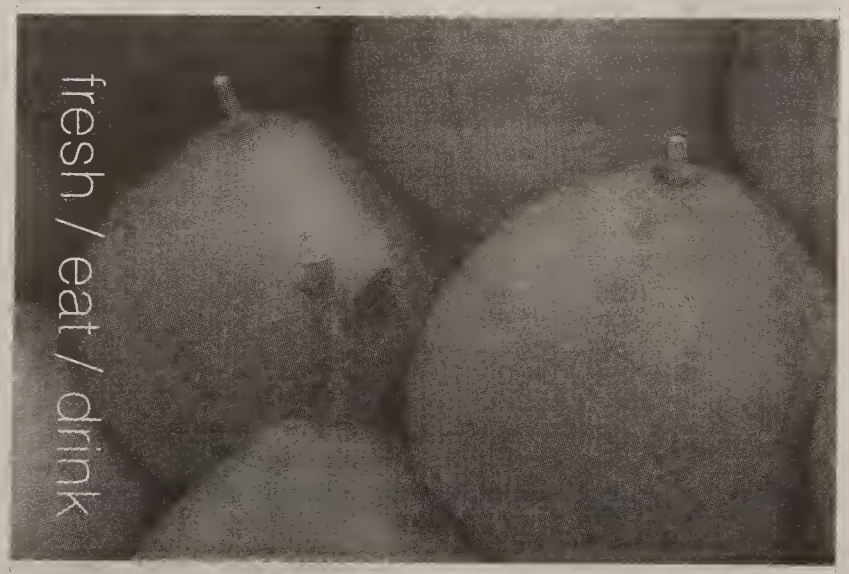
San Francisco homicide detectives continue their effort to solve the murder of Charles McAleer-Bonilla, who was stabbed to death April 8 outside his Noe Valley residence.

"They're still investigating and they're following up on the strongest leads," said Capt. Louis Cassanego, commanding officer of Ingleside Station.

The 30-year-old victim, a San Francisco Water Department employee, was slain on the threshold of the 28th Street apartment he shared with his mother and teenage son. The youth now lives with his mother, Natasha Morton-Morimoto.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call homicide inspectors John Cagney, 734-3181; Brian Delahunty, 553-1336; or David Martinovich, 734-5405; or the SFPD's anonymous tip line, 575-4444. ■

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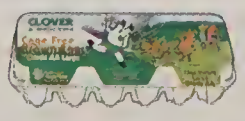
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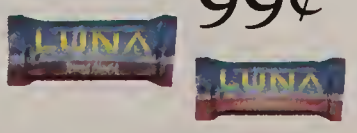


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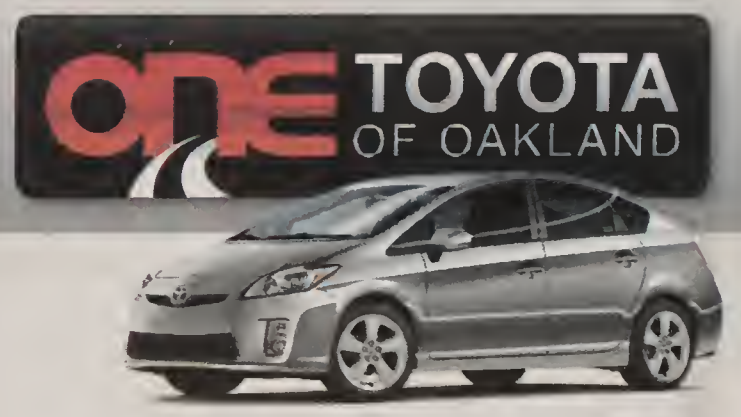


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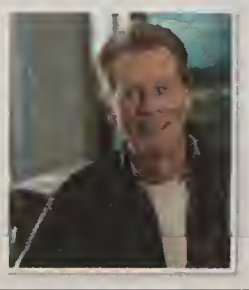


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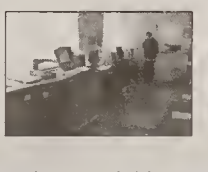


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STORE TREK

By Karen Topakian

Store Trek is a regular *Voice* feature profiling stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month, we introduce a French inspired café and a psychotherapist who focuses on couples counseling.

La Boulange de Noe
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www.laboulangebakery.com

"We try to bring to the neighborhood a little piece of France," says Thomas Lefort, co-owner of La Boulange de Noe, the colorful bakery/cafe that arrived at the corner of 24th and Sanchez streets last fall.

In Noe Valley, a little piece of France goes a long way.

From opening day Nov. 17, customers have flocked to La Boulange, eager to sample the French onion soup, quiche Lorraine, croque monsieur, and pink Parisian *macarons*.

Boulange in French, says Lefort, means a place that sells bread but doesn't bake it on the premises. "We make everything we sell from scratch," he says, explaining that employees bake the breads off-site so they can ensure they are "authentic, fresh, rustic products" à la the French countryside.

But La Boulange the cafe offers more than baguettes, batards, and other French breads. You can find pastries, French toast, egg frittatas, veggie burgers, sandwiches served on multi-grain bread (with sides of greens or chips), salads, soups, and desserts, all for under $10. Beverages include wine, beer, fresh juices, tea, and organically grown coffee—served in a cup and saucer or a large bowl.

Lefort says the most popular menu items these days are the almond croissant ($2.75), the Boulange Club sandwich with turkey, bacon, and avocado ($9), and the Salade Niçoise, with tuna, potatoes, tomato, roasted red pepper, olives, and green beans ($10).

Specials planned for the month of June include a panzanella bread salad ($9.50), a spring vegetable open-faced sandwich ($9), and veal Bolognese with organic penne ($11). A cherry flan ($3.25) and a strawberry rhubarb tart ($3.75) top the list of summer sweets.



You can sip your café au lait both inside and out at La Boulange de Noe, a French bakery cafe at the corner of 24th and Sanchez streets. *Photos by Pamela Gerard*

Natural light fills La Boulange as diners watch the passing parade on 24th Street or their fellow patrons sitting at tables outside on Sanchez. According to Lefort, finding a sunny corner spot in a Victorian building in Noe Valley took much patience. "We had been looking at Noe for quite a time. It was the fourth location we looked at in four years," says Lefort, who spent four months renovating the former home of Noe Valley Pizza Restaurant. "We were ecstatic to get in."

Lefort says he liked the neighborhood because of its family orientation.

Noe Valley also seemed a logical choice because Lefort's business partner, Pascal Rigo, lives close by on 25th Street. Lefort describes Rigo, who opened La Boulangerie, the "mother store," in 1999, as "a baker by trade his entire life, who studied in France. He's a creative person behind the concept, who oversees production." In 2003, Lefort joined Rigo, bringing his business background into the mix, and in 2006 a silent partner joined the company, providing financial stability and facilitating its expansion.

La Boulange de Noe is the partners' 11th bakery/cafe and their ninth in San Francisco.

"Each store has its own identity," Lefort says. As for the purple and orange façade at La Boulange de Noe, "Boulange blue is our main color. The awnings are always pumpkin. We test different colors to make sure they will fit in with the buildings, street and surroundings."

The Noe Valley outlet can accommodate up to 74 people at its wood tables and counters. "We get a bit of everything—young hipsters, an older person getting a pastry, strollers, merchants, young mothers, people who work from home and some professionals," says Lefort. "On weekends, people come in who want a place to hang out."

La Boulange does not provide wi-fi Internet access, though. "We're not a Parisian café," says Lefort. "We're country."

La Boulange de Noe is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. As a gift to store patrons, this summer La Boulange will offer a 20 percent discount on adult tickets to the de Young Museum's "Birth of Impressionism" exhibition (running through Sept. 6). Go to *laboulangebakery.com* for a coupon ID.

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When two people share the same roof and bed, problems are sure to arise. Tempers may flare and anger may erupt where love should abound.

Dr. Robert Solley, a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in couples counseling, helps clients cool the tensions and rekindle their love.

"For me, emotions drive everything. So I help people understand their feelings and make sense of their interactions with each other," he says. "I coach them on how to talk with each other in a way that reveals their positive intentions, which are often hidden behind layers of fear, anger, and hurt."

Solley comes armed with more than two decades of experience in psychotherapy and neuropsychology. Holder of a Ph.D. from the California School of Professional Psychology in Berkeley, he has worked in a number of hospital settings, including Children's Hospital in Oakland and California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. He is also a staff therapist at the Couples Institute in Menlo Park.

Now in his sixth year of private practice, Solley sees people of all ages and sexual orientation. Many of his local clients—from Noe Valley, Bernal Heights, and Glen Park—are grappling with the demands of parenthood.

"I work with the transition to parenthood; the anxiety felt about being new parents," says Solley. "Common patterns occur where fathers often feel neglected; fathers feel incompetent; they then turn towards work. I direct them towards their babies and fatherhood."

A Fair Oaks Street resident, Solley often walks to his office at 1701 Church Street in GetzWell Pediatrics, a medical group established in February of 2008 *(see Store Trek, March 2008* Voice). Two years ago, he moved his practice from 24th Street to GetzWell's warm and sunny space, because "psychotherapy can be isolating." Part of his rationale for working within a pediatrics practice was to take advantage of the "cross-pollination" that occurs with other healthcare providers.

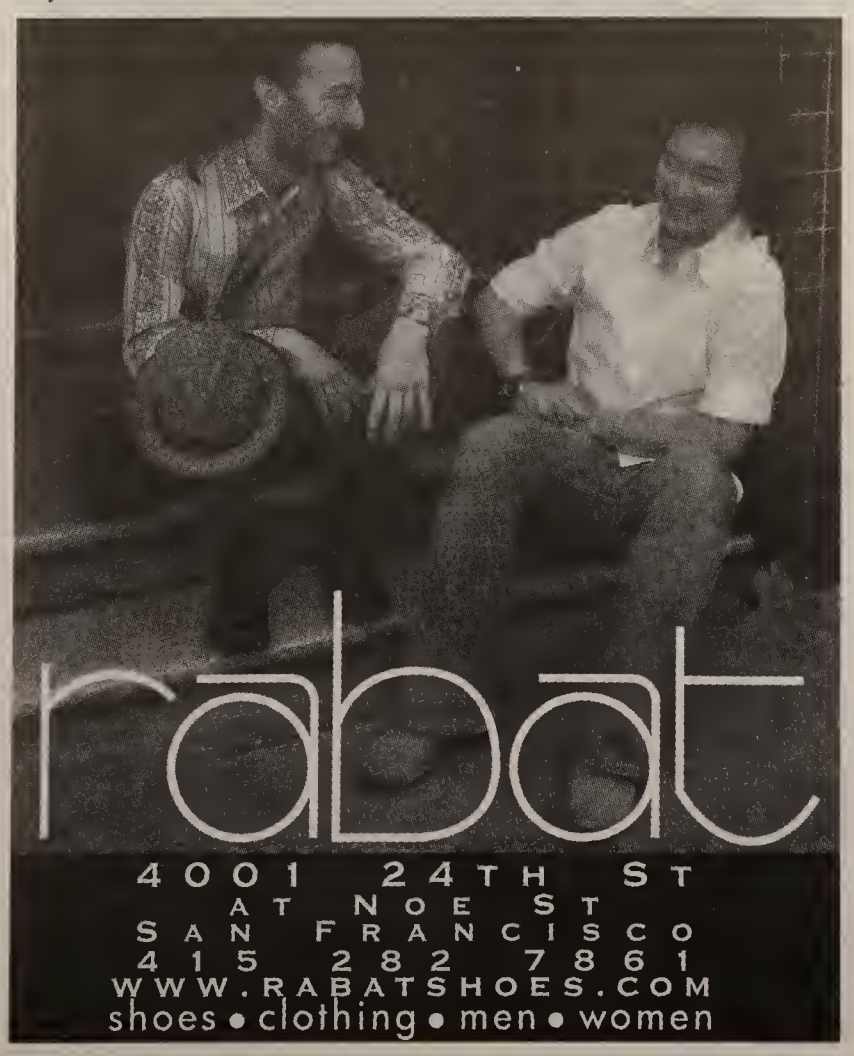
He also enjoys the neighborhood and its restaurants. "The neighborhood is conducive to having a good time."

This summer, he and colleague Derron Santin will launch a Noe Valley therapy group designed specifically for men, called "Embrace Work and Relationship with Passion and Grace." It will be limited to six to eight clients and will meet once a week for eight weeks. For more information go to *solutions4couples.com*.

Dr. Robert Solley's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday mornings. For an appointment call 415-550-8725.



Psychotherapist Robert Solley works out of the Getzwell Pediatrics building at 1701 Church St., once the home of Star Bakery.



CALENDAR

June 1-29: City Guides offers WALKING TOURS of the Castro on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Meet at 11 am at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro & Market) under the rainbow flag. 557-4266; *sfcity guides.org.*

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Sing along with Patrick Sosa at Phoenix Books' Tuesday STORY HOUR, for babies to age 4. 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477.

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Kadampa Buddhist Temple holds MEDITATION on Tuesdays. 7-8:45 pm. 3324 17th. 503-1187.

June 1, 22 & 29: The Noe Valley Library's Family STORY TIME, a read-aloud program for kids of all ages, runs from 11 to 11:30 am, and TODDLER TALES are told from 10:15 to 10:45 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 1-30: OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Mon.-Sat., 7 am. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

June 1-30: Noe Valley SENIOR CENTER serves hot lunches for people over 60, weekdays at 12:30 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. Call to reserve a spot, 648-1030.

June 1 & July 6: The SPCA offers a free PET LOSS support group. 7:30-9 pm. 243 Alabama. 554-3050.

June 2-30: Chris Sequeira offers free Wednesday and Friday introductory QIGONG/TAI CHI at the Glen Park baseball field, Elk & Chenery, at 10:30 am, and at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, at 6 pm Mondays. *livingtaichiprinciples.blogspot.com;* 773-8185.

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Eureka Valley Library's Wednesday BABY RHYME TIME, for 0-18 months, begins at 1:30 pm; a family story time for ages 2 to 5 starts at 3:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616.

June 3, 10, 17 & 24: PAL TIME is a class for kids 18 months to 3 years. 8:30 am. MoBu Dance Studio, 1605 Church. 550-PALS; *pal-ersize.com.*

June 3, 10, 17 & 24: A Thursday STROLLER WALK through the neighborhood starts at Holey Bagel at 11 am. 3872 24th. *noestrolls.com.*

June 4: "Quiet Lightning" at the Elbo Room features READINGS by Beth Lisick, Michelle Tea, Stephen Elliott, Daphne Gottlieb, Jennifer Joseph, Jon Longhi, Sarah Fran Wisby, and Joshua Mohr; Alcoholocaust begins at 10 pm. Elbo Room, 647 Valencia. 552-7788; *elbo.com.*

June 4, 11, 18 & 25: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936. *doloresparkcafe.org.*

June 4-25: CLARE tells tales for kids at Cover to Cover's story hour. Fridays, 10:30 am. 1307 Castro. 282-8080.

June 4-25: The Friday night "Jazz in the Bookshop" series at BIRO & BECKETT begins at 5:30 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; *birdbeckett.com.*

June 4-25: Shout "BINGO!" at St. Paul's Friday nights at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

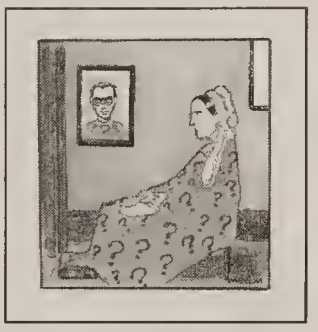
June 5: Novella Carpenter introduces *FARM CITY: The Education of an Urban Farmer.* 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 5: The Noe Valley Music Series hosts a GUITAR SUMMIT, featuring Teja Gerken, the SF Guitar Quartet, and Matthew Montfort. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 454-5238; *noevalleymusicseries.com.*

June 5 & 6: In the Night and Day Challenge, a 16-hour citywide SCAVENGER HUNT, teams need to find 60 designated checkpoints, based on cryptic clues. Check in, 1-3:30 pm Saturday, Douglass Park Clubhouse (at 26th); *nightanddaychallenge.com.*

June 5 & 7-11: Register for summer programs at UPPER NOE REC CENTER online or at the park on June 5, 10 am-3 pm, or June 7-11, 4-7 pm. 295 Day. 970-8061; *sfreconline.org.*

June 5, 12, 19 & 26: Come hear Jude and Oennis Campagna (June 5); David Kessler, the She's, and Chemistry of the Heart (June 12); Oamond Moodie and Failure to Oisperse (June 19); and Mick Shaffer, Luz Gaxiola, and Oyster Stew (June 26) at the Noe Valley FARMERS' MARKET, held Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm. 24th & Vicksburg. 248-1332; *noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.*



Artist Michael Capozzola's solo show, "Riddler's Mother," runs June 5-July 6 at Mission Comics.

June 5, 12, 19 & 26: Andrea's BELLY OANCE BOOTCAMP includes strengthening exercises. 12:30-1:30 pm. MoBu Oance Studio, 1605 Church; *andreabellydance.com.*

June 5, 12, 19 & 26: Craig Ventresco and Meredith Axelrod play RAGTIME and blues at the Atlas Cafe. 4-6 pm. 3049 20th. 648-1047.

June 5-July 6: Michael Capozzola exhibits his artwork in "Riddler's Mother," a solo show at MISSION COMICS. Reception June 5, 8 pm; Tues.-Sun., noon-8 pm. 3520 20th, Suite B, *missioncomicsandart.com.*

June 6: Precita Eyes Mural Arts hosts a MURAL WALK on first Saturdays. Meet at 11 am at the 16th Street BART plaza near the Wells Fargo Bank sign. 285-2287; *precitaeyes.org.*

June 6: PASTRY CHEF Elizabeth Falkner offers recipes from Citizen Cake in *Demolition Desserts,* and Boston chef Barbara Lynch discusses *Stir: Mixing It Up in the Italian Tradition.* 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 6: Oavid Schofield plays an All-BACH ORGAN CONCERT, including the *St. Anne Prelude and Fugue* and the *Pastorale.* 4 pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church. 621-2365.

June 6, 13, 20 & 27: Learn about MISSION DOLORES at a City Guides walk on Sundays, 11 am. Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church. 557-4266; *sfcityguides.org.*

June 6, 13, 20 & 27: SUNOAY JAZZ at Bliss Bar features Mel Martin, Ratzo Harris, and Jeff Marrs (June 6); Pamela Rose, Tammy Hall, and Ruth Oavies (June 13); Jon Rubin and Cal Keaoola (June 20); and Linda Kosut and Max Perfoff (June 27). 4:30-7:30 pm. 4026 24th. 826-6200..

June 6 & 20: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; *sfcityguides.org.*

June 7: Rocket DOG RESCUE has dogs who are looking for guardians. Noon-4 pm. Zephyr Real Estate, 4040 24th. 642-4786; *rocketdogrescue.org.*

June 7: Irving Saraf and Allie Light introduce their FILM *Empress Hotel* at the Odd Mondays series at the Noe Valley Ministry. 7:30 pm; no-host dinner Haystack Pizza, 6 pm (RSVP *jlsender@webtv.net*). 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

June 7, 14, 21 & 28: You can be funny on Mondays at Bliss Bar at COMEOY Open Mic Night, starting 8 pm. 4026 24th. 826-6200; *blissbarsf.com.*

June 7-Aug. 13: Precita Eyes holds weekly ART CAMPS for children and teens, featuring mural painting, sculpture, printmaking, puppets, and bookmaking. Weekdays, 1-4 pm. 348 Precita. 920-0592, *precitaeyes.org.*

June 8: Vote in the statewide PRIMARY ELECTION. 7 am-8 pm. 554-4375; *sfelections.org/sfvote.*

June 8: Paule Oominique offers an INFANT MASSAGE class; bring a blanket. 10:15-11:15 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 8: LITOUAKE's "Off Book" fundraiser at the Ooiby Chadwick Gallery features refreshments, an auction, and a reading by local novelist Adam Johnson. 6-8 pm. 210 Post. 956-3560; *litquake.org.*

June 10: Openhouse Outreach invites LGBT SENIORS to second-Thursday meetings at 30th Street Senior Center. 10 am. 225 30th. 296-8995.

June 12: LAOYBUG GAROENERS weed and tend the park at Upper Noe Rec Center on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Oay & Sanchez. 970-8061; *jrlion@aol.com.*

June 12: REBECCA PROZAN kicks off her campaign for Oistrict 8 supervisor at Upper Noe Rec Center, 10 to 11 am. 295 Oay; *prozan@rebeccaprozan.com.*

June 12: "A Walk in the Gardens," the 2010 Noe Valley GAROEN TOUR, features eight local showplaces; purchase tickets at Cover to Cover, Just for Fun, Omnivore Books, Small Frys, Noe Valley Bakery, and Urban Nest. 10 am-3 pm. 298-2344.

June 12: Local doulas and MIDWIVES gather on second Saturdays at Natural



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SAT JUNE 26	Deborah Madison • Seasonal Fruit Desserts 3-4 p.m • free • Here is the perfect dessert book for the savory cook; with recipes valuing improvisation over precision and taste over intricate constructions. Madison, the original owner and chef of Greens Restaurant and the author of *Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone*, is one of the best and most respected cookbook authors around, so please come meet her!

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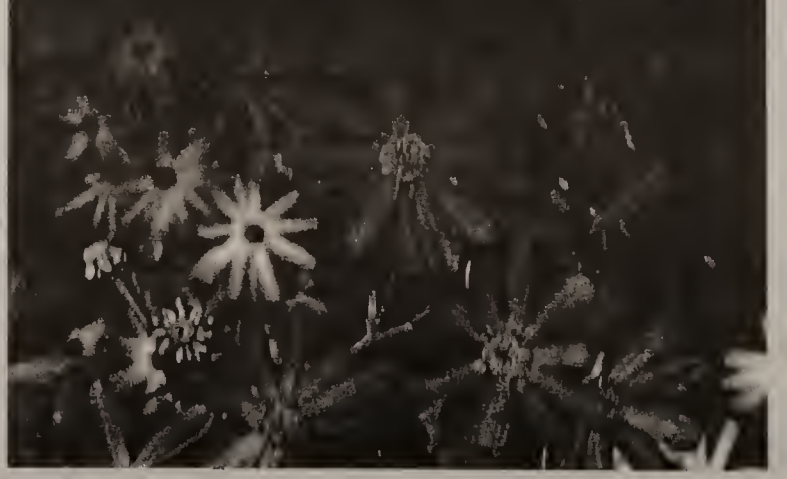
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June 12: Join BIKERS FOR BARKERS at a fundraising party for Rocket Dog Rescue and Hearts for Hounds. 6:30-10 pm. Dainese D-Store, 131 S. Van Ness Ave.; *lindsay@bikersforbarkers.com.*

June 12: WRITERS With Drinks hosts readings by Tobias Wolff, Taylor Mali, Lev Grossman, Corrina Bain, and Bill Carter. 7:30 pm. Make-Out Room, 3225 22nd; *writerswithdrinks.com.*

June 13: Explore new BIKE LANES on Claremont, Clipper, 7th Avenue, and JFK Drive on a West of Twin Peaks ride. Meet at 10 am at Waller and Stanyan. 431-BIKE; *bikebuddy@sfbike.org.*

June 13: The monthly PFLAG meeting runs from 2 to 4 pm at St. Francis Lutheran Church. 152 Church. 921-8850; *pflagsf.org.*

June 13: Kate Moses introduces her MEMOIR, *Cakewalk.* 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 14: SF ZOO NIGHT at AT&T Park features a baseball game and a panda/Pablo Sandoval bobblehead. 3 pm; game time is 7:15. 972-2298; *sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com.*

June 14: Atlas Café's BOOK CLUB discusses *Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex,* by Mary Roach. 7-9 pm. Books, Inc. 601 Van Ness. 648-1047; *sciencecafesf.com.*

June 15: FILMS for children age 5 and under screen from 10:15 to 11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 15: Daniel Barash brings his cast of SHADOW PUPPETS to the Noe Valley Library from 4 to 4:45 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 16: The VISUAL ARTS Committee of the SF Arts Commission meets third Wednesdays at 3 pm. 25 Van Ness, Suite 70. 252-2590; *sfartscommission.org.*

June 16: Temra Costa profiles 30 women in the SUSTAINABLE FOOD industry in *Farmer Jane: Women Changing the Way We Eat.* 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 17: The group UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS meets at 7:30 pm at the Upper Noe Rec Center. Day & Sanchez. 285-0473; *vickimrosen@gmail.com.*

June 17: The EUREKA VALLEY Promotion Association meets the third Thursday of the month. 7:30 pm. Castro Meeting Room, 501 Castro. 437-9414; *evpa.org.*

June 17-27: The 34th annual LGBT FILM FESTIVAL at the Castro, Roxie, and Victoria theaters includes 219 films from 31 countries. 925-866-9559; *frameline.org.*

June 19: City Guides hosts a free walking tour of Sigmund STERN GROVE. Meet at 11 am at 19th Ave. and Sloat. 557-4266; *sfcityguides.org.*

June 19: The Marsh celebrates its 20th anniversary with performances from noon to midnight, featuring Marga Gomez, Josh Kornbluth, Charlie Varon, Dan Hoyle, Merle Kessler, Joshua Brody and many more performers. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; *themarsh.org.*

June 19: Jennie Schacht's *Farmers' Market DESSERTS* includes more than 50 recipes inspired by markets across America. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 19: The Noe Valley MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL on 24th Street, hosted by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, features a hayride, petting zoo, chalk murals, food, and entertainment. 3-6 pm. Cindy Wilson, 282-4574, ext 208.

June 19: The Sippy Cups and Circus Finelli perform at a renovation FUNDRAISER organized by the Friends of Dolores Park Playground. 4-5:30 pm. *friendsofdolorespark.org.*

June 20: SOCCER TOTS offers six morning soccer classes for children 18 months to 3½, for seven weeks of summer play. Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day. To register call 762-5123 or visit *soctots.com.*

June 20: Mad & Eddie Duran Quartet performs at the Noe Valley Ministry's JAZZ VESPERS. 5 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

June 21: Kevin Tomlinson screens his FILM *Back to the Land* at the Odd Mondays series at the Noe Valley Ministry. 7:30 pm; no-host dinner Haystack Pizza, 6 pm (RSVP *jlsender@webtv.net*). 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

June 22: Representatives from the MARINE MAMMAL Center offer a look at the interdependence of the planet. 4-4:45 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 22: SF BAYKEEPER, pollution watchdog for the Bay, hosts a lecture/slideshow at the Noe Valley Library. 7-8 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 23: Janet Fletcher introduces *EATING LOCAL: The Cookbook Inspired by America's Farmers.* 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 23: Supervisor Bevan Dufty hosts the second community meeting on the PAVEMENT TO PARKS proposal for Noe and 24th streets. 6:30 pm. St. Philip School, 665 Elizabeth.

June 23: The Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC CLUB hosts a panel discussion on financial reform, "Banking, Finance, and Lending–What Went Wrong?" 7:30 pm. St. Philip's, 725 Diamond.

June 24: Joel Pomerantz discusses the HISTORIC WATERCOURSES of the city, focusing on the Wiggle and the Panhandle, at the Randall Museum. 7:30 pm. 199 Museum. 554-9600; *randallmuseum.org.*

June 24: SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING's Summer Solstice Party features jigs and reels performed to Scottish tunes. 7:45 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 333-9372; *sf-scottishdancers.org.*

June 24-July 29: Learn samba, rhumba, waltz, foxtrot, and swing at a six-week Thursday evening class in social BALLROOM DANCING for couples, offered by Let's Dance. Call for time. Forest Hill Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 250 Laguna Honda Blvd. 661-2746; *letsdanc@pacbell.net.*

June 24-Aug. 11: Creativity Explored hosts a group exhibit, "SPECTRUM," featuring psychedelic-style art. Reception June 24, 7-9 pm; Mon.-Wed. & Fri.,, 10 am-3 pm, Thurs., 10 am-7 pm; Sat., 1-6 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; *creativityexplored.org.*

June 24, July 29 & Aug. 26: Paxton Gate offers a hands-on INSECT MOUNTING class. 4-7 pm. 824 Valencia. 824-1872; *PaxtonGate.com.*

June 26: The Older Women's League (OWL) hosts a discussion about the new HEALTH REFORM package. 10 am-noon. Mechanics Institute, 57 Post. 989-4422; *owlsf.org.*

June 26: *Wired's* Geek Dad blog brings a DEMOLITION DERBY and workshops, "Make Your Own Comic Strip" and "Make Your Own Treasure Map," to Paxton Gate. Noon-3 pm. 824 Valencia. 824-1872; *PaxtonGate.com.*

June 26: The SF Bike Coalition offers a Gay Pride LGBT BIKE HISTORY tour. 2-5 pm. Meet at Cupid's Arrow on the Embarcadero. 431-BIKE; *sfbike.org.*

June 26: Deborah Madison introduces *Seasonal FRUIT DESSERTS.* 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; *omnivorebooks.com.*

June 26: Merle Kessler hosts "An Evening of SONG," featuring 25 singers performing on the theme, "Them's the breaks." 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 454-5238; *noevalleymusicseries.com.*

June 27: The BUBBLE LADY pops in at the Noe Valley Library, from 3 to 3:45 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; *sfpl.org.*

June 27: The SF PRIDE Parade, "40 and Fabulous," kicks off at 10:30 am at Market and Beale streets and winds up at Civic Center for a multi-stage celebration; *sfpride.org.*

June 29: Guillermo Toro-Lira discusses PISCO PUNCH, "old San Francisco's mystery drink," at the monthly SF History Association meeting. 7 pm refreshments; 8 pm talk. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; *sanfranciscohistory.org.*

June 30: Prevent Blindness Northern California hosts a free adult VISION SCREENING CLINIC. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. 1388 Sutter. Call 567-7500 or 800-338-3401 for an appointment (required); *eyeinfo.org.*

DEADLINE FOR JULY/AUGUST

June 15 is the deadline for the Calendar in the next *Noe Valley Voice,* distributed in both July and August. If you've already missed it, send a notice anyway. We have a soft heart. Email to **calendar@noevalleyvoice.com** or write Calendar, Noe Valley Voice, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Note: Events in Noe Valley and surrounding neighborhoods may receive priority. Thank you.





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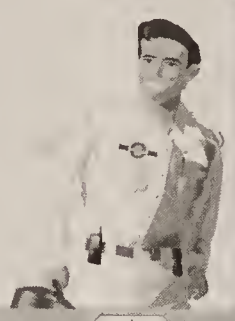
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Night and Day, You're on a Hunt

You can put your physical skills and map savvy to the test during the Night & Day Challenge, a citywide urban endurance scavenger hunt that starts at the Douglass Park clubhouse June 5 and covers all of San Francisco.

Launched in Seattle in 2003 by two friends, the Night & Day Challenge is an urban version of Rogaining, the sport of long-distance cross-country navigation that originated in Australia in the 1940s. Participants work in teams of two to five people to find 60 designated checkpoints in a chosen time, of three, seven, or 16 hours.

Contestants can start plotting their course at 2:30 p.m., when each team will receive a combined topographical and street map of the city, with the locations of the checkpoints circled, says event coordinator Andrea Gardner. Most street names do not appear on the map, and each checkpoint is described in generic terms, such as "tower" or "brick building, NE corner of intersection."

The physical race starts at 4 p.m. in a flurry of wheels and feet. The time categories are further broken down by mode of transportation: foot, bike, or duathlon for the two longer races. Teams win points by correctly answering a question that can only be answered by visiting the site, such as "What is the second word on the manhole cover 3 meters south of the tower?" Wrong guesses are severely penalized.

This year's course was designed by Eric Bone, one of the Night & Day founders, and it is the fourth race in San Francisco, Gardner says. Though Seattle has its own race every year, the San Francisco challenge is popular enough to draw contestants from the Emerald City as well as from surrounding areas in California, Gardner says.

"The 16-hour event pulls in a different crowd because it's really an endurance challenge," Gardner says.

Between 150 and 200 people participate, many of them with children, Gardner notes. For that reason, contestant categories also include people running with strollers and kids on bikes.

"We want kids to feel successful and have a good time," she says.

To register, visit *www.nightanddaychallenge.com*. Entrance fees vary but can be paid on the day of the race. The Douglass Park clubhouse is located at Douglass and 26th streets.

Party for Dolores Park Playground

The Sippy Cups "kid rock" band will be the big attraction in Dolores Park on Saturday, June 19, at a party and fundraiser sponsored by Friends of Dolores Park Playground, in partnership with the Neighborhood Parks Council and the city's Rec and Park Department.

When not bopping to the music, party-goers can enter a raffle, whose top prize is a ticket to the Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert on Labor Day. Additional prizes include tickets to the all-women clown show Circus Finelli and the burlesque circus Bohemian Carnival, as well as gift certificates for Bi-Rite Ice Cream, Mike's Bikes, Peet's Coffee, massages, art and fitness classes, restaurant dinners, and even a custom-made kids' pirate costume.

The fundraiser, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., is the last organized event before the playground undergoes an extensive renovation in the fall. Friends of Dolores Park Playground says it will set up detailed displays of the plans for the $3.5 million project, which will feature a pyramid-shaped climbing structure, giant rocks, and clusters of old-growth palm trees. The volunteer organization is nearing its fundraising goal, but still has another $250,000 to go, organizers say.

The party takes place near the children's area in the center of Dolores Park, located at Dolores and 19th streets. Refreshments for the event have been donated by Dolores Park Café and Whole Foods Market.

Visit *www.friendsofdolorespark.org* to get the full scoop.

Noe Valley Musicana

Jam in June when the Saturday night Noe Valley Music Series presents great guitar, superb song, and an appearance by country star Jim Lauderdale at the Noe Valley Ministry.

The fun begins June 5 at 8:15 p.m. with the San Francisco Guitar Summit, an evening devoted to the guitar, from acoustic to classical to pioneering world fusion—all played by locally grown artists.

The difference is in the right hand for Teja Gerken, who plays "fingerstyle guitar" in which his right-hand fingers pluck the melody, bass, harmony, and percussion all at the same time. The difference is in the left hand for Matthew Montfort, who has had his flat fretboard scalloped in order to play intricate note-bending ornaments as well as chords. Montfort will also pick up his fretless guitar, which he can use to make a more dampened sound.

The show, which is co-produced by SF Live Arts, will also feature the San Francisco Guitar Quartet, performing classical and modern music influenced by the rhythms of Brazil, the whirling dances of the Balkans, and the hypnotic textures of minimalism. Tickets cost $16 in advance and $18 at the door.

On June 19, multi Grammy Award-winner Jim Lauderdale ascends the stage. Lauderdale, a frequent Grand Ole Opry performer, will take a break from his tour with Elvis Costello to celebrate the release of a new Americana-based CD combining folk, country, rock, bluegrass, and rhythm and blues. Tickets are $20 and $22, and the show starts at 8:15 p.m.

The month ends with a creative bang during "An Evening of Song," on June 26 at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Merle Kessler (a.k.a. Ian Shoales, of NPR fame), 25 singers will line up to do songs backed by the Experimental Love Orchestra, led by keyboard wiz Joshua Raoul Brody.

The event's theme is "Them's the Breaks," and songs will run the gamut from show tunes to sensitive ballads, originals to standards. Most singers are moonlighting professionals, but a few will be deer-in-the-headlights first-timers.

"Evening of Song manages to provide the charm of *A Prairie Home Companion* without all those monologues slowing things down," says music series producer Larry Kassin. Tickets cost $15 in advance and $17 at the door.

The Noe Valley Ministry is at 1021 Sanchez Street at 23rd Street. For ticket information, call 415-454-5238 or go to *www.noevalleymusicseries.com*. Advance tickets are also available at Phoenix Books & Records, 3957 24th Street.

Dance, Play, Sing

This summer, Noe Valley kids will have their pick of neighborhood camps and classes, from dance to music to soccer.

Irena Smith and Joshua Smith will offer their popular Little Music-Makers classes at

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Mending the Lending

The Noe Valley Democratic Club will present a panel discussion on financial reform in Congress at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond Street, between Elizabeth and 24th streets.

The program, titled "Banking, Finance, and Lending—What Went Wrong? Do We Have the Will to Fix It?" will feature panelists representing the points of view of the consumer, the lender, and the man in the middle who represents both.

The speakers will discuss how the Great Recession came about, what can be done to prevent a recurrence, and a proposed reform bill authored by Democratic Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut.

Molly Fleischman, the club's vice president, says panelists will include Caryn Becker of the consumer group Responsible Lending; Larry Prozan, a financial adviser and consultant representing Multi-Financial Services; and James Cole, corporate communications officer with Bank of the West. Tim Marvin from Consumers Union, the publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine, will be the moderator.

To find out more, email Fleischman at *molly@ffrsf.com*.

—Noel Lieberman



Grammy-winner Jim Lauderdale brings the Nashville sound to the Noe Valley Music Series on Saturday, June 19.

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three locations, giving parents across the valley the chance to sing, clap, stomp, listen, and play along in 45-minute classes targeted at the 6-month- to 5-year-old set.

The couple, both local musicians, play and teach their own songs as well as Americana and folk from the likes of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie. Each week, the children will be introduced to a new instrument—slide guitar one week, flute the next. Kids also get to bang out their own tunes on pint-sized instruments.

The summer session runs eight weeks. Saturday classes start June 12 at Mohu Dance Studio, 1605 Church Street, at two times, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday classes, starting June 13, will be at Pixie Hall Studios, 649 Diamond Street, also at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. A Wednesday class at 9:30 a.m. will be at Sanchez Street Studios, 1589 Sanchez Street, starting June 9. Rates start at $165 for one child. For more information, visit *www.SFMusicLessons.com* or call 415-828-4453.

Down at Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center at Day and Sanchez streets, SoccerTots will begin its seven-week summer session June 20.

The nationally syndicated program proved very popular during its inaugural season at Upper Noe this spring, with registration filling up within hours, says Director Elizabeth Hannon. Children learn basic soccer and play a variety of other games to develop motor skills and self-confidence. The focus is on fun not competition, Hannon says.

SoccerTots will offer three classes at 9 a.m. and three classes at 10 a.m. to children 18 months to 3½ years old, all on Sunday. The program cost is $135. To find out more, visit *www.soctot.com/classes*.

More than a class, Mohu Dance Studios, 1605 Church Street, is offering two weeks of summer dance camp starting June 7, to children who will enter kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and there is extended care available from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each Friday, the children will show off their skills at a 2:30 p.m. performance.

For more information, email Director Takami Craddock at *info@mohudancestudio.com* or call 415-602-8557.

—Heather World



Aaron Tveit and James Franco (right) star in Howl, playing June 27 at the San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival at the Castro, Roxie, and Victoria theaters.

Biopics Rule at LGBT Film Festival

Howl, a movie about Beat Generation poet Allen Ginsberg with actor James Franco in the lead role, will screen this month as one of the highlights of the 34th annual San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival.

The festival, which runs June 17 to 27, will include 219 feature-length and short films from countries as far afield as Brazil, China, Norway, Tunisia, and the Bahamas. The majority of the films shown in San Francisco will be screened at the Castro Theatre, but the Roxie and Victoria theaters are also venues for 54 films.

Howl is the collaborative effort of San Francisco's Academy Award-winning filmmakers Rob Epstein *(The Times of Harvey Milk)* and Jeffrey Friedman *(The Celluloid Closet)*. Epstein and Friedman combined genres to portray the poet at the dawn of a literary revolution—with a cast that also includes David Strathairn as the prosecutor in Ginsberg's 1957 obscenity trial, and Jon Hamm (star of TV's *Mad Men)*.

Howl's screening on June 27 is the festival's grand finale, with a closing-night gala at the Botanical Gardens included in the $50 ticket. The event gets under way at 7:30 p.m. at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro Street.

The festival opens June 17, with a 7 p.m. showing at the Castro of *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister*, a BBC-produced drama portraying the true story of a British lesbian who defied Victorian conventions by living with a female lover until her death in 1840. The film is based on Lister's diaries, which were concealed in code and only recently deciphered.

The festival's centerpiece, playing June 22 at the Castro, is the Colombian feature film *Contracorriente* (Undertow), about a married fisherman who tries to reconcile his attraction to his male lover in the face of village disapproval. The movie starts at 7 p.m.

In addition, the documentary *We Were Here: Voices From the AIDS Years in San Francisco*, directed by David Weissman, will have its world premiere at 1 p.m. on June 20, also at the Castro.

On June 23, at 7 p.m., the theater will host *Beautiful Darling: The Life and Times of Candy Darling*, about Andy Warhol superstar model Candy Darling.

Films range from $8 to $10 for individual tickets, to $40 for a weekly matinee pass, to $200 for all Castro Theatre shows, excluding opening and closing night galas. For tickets or more festival information, call 925-866-9559 or visit *www.frameline.org*.

—Corrie M. Anders

The Secrets of Pisco Punch

Want to learn how to make Pisco Punch, the elixir that prompted one 1850s journalist to write, "It tastes like lemonade but comes back with the kick of a roped steer"?

Attend the June 29 meeting of the San Francisco History Association, which will host a talk by Guillermo Toro-Lira, author of the book *Wings of Cherubs: The Saga of the Rediscovery of Pisco Punch, Old San Francisco's Mystery Drink*.

Toro-Lira will present a slide show on the history of Pisco, a grape brandy that traveled to North America from Pisco, Peru. He'll trace its journey to a bar in San Francisco during the Gold Rush days, where the proprietor added pineapple, sugar, lime, and other key ingredients to make a walloping Pisco Punch. The drink attained worldwide fame and was a favorite at local taverns until the Prohibition Act of 1919.

The lecture will take place at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond Street between 24th and Elizabeth streets (enter the church parking lot on Elizabeth). Doors open at 7 p.m. for socializing; the program starts at 7:45 p.m. The cost for non-association members is $5.

The San Francisco History Association meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Memberships are $25 a year. For more information, call 415-750-9986 or visit the group's website at *www.sanfranciscohistory.org*.

—Sally Smith

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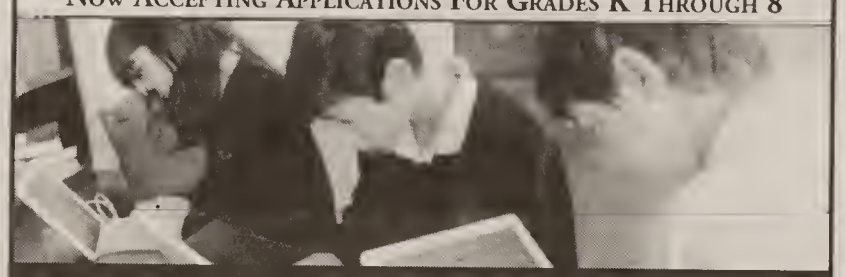
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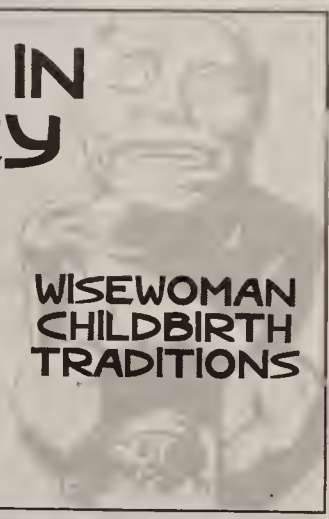
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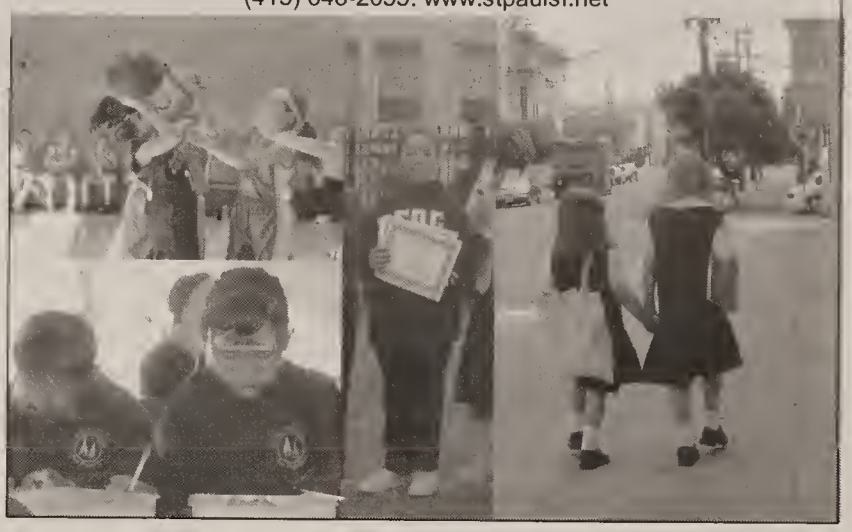




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The Spires Are Back

By Judy Vaughn



Watercolor of St. Paul's Church by Royce Vaughn painted from Potrero Hill in 1996, before the new St. Paul's Elementary School was built.

When you've lived in Noe Valley 47 years and you regularly walk the hills from 24th Street to the Mission, you sense the rhythm of the landscape, how it often changes and sometimes how it never changes at all.

You notice when the leaves turn red and fall off the trees at your feet.

You look to the Oakland skyline in the distance and say, Wow! how great it is to live on these hills.

You wonder what the neighborhood was like when there were only cows from Mitchell Dairy Farm grazing on the slopes beyond 29th Street.

The twin spires of St. Paul's Catholic Church, newly tiled and whitewashed, are a reminder of how things used to be. And after months of being shrouded in black netting, they're finally in full view again.

From September 2009 until April 2010, parishioners walked through two-story scaffolding to attend services. Outside, waiting for the J-Church streetcar, sidewalk superintendents watched workmen scale the heights, hoisting up planks one at a time until they reached the golden orbs and seven-foot crosses. Cab drivers took note of the spectacle. Out-of-town visitors craned their necks to see the top of the spires.

When you're out walking the hills of Noe Valley, picture an earnest young priest from County Cork, Ireland, riding through the sand and mud on horseback in the early 1880s.

People who live in the valley, even non-Catholics who may never actually go inside the church, have always known that St. Paul's steeples dominate the neighborhood. They can be seen from every direction—from Potrero Hill and Bernal Heights to Diamond Heights.

Construction work, which began because a few tiles had come loose, ultimately became a production of major proportions, says Katy O'Shea, who chairs the church's capital campaign.

"The slate had been there almost a hundred years. We couldn't afford to take a chance more would fall."

Was the work disruptive? Not really, she says. Some brides may have been unhappy they couldn't have their pictures taken on the front steps, but vows were said, services were held, and the congregation worked around it.

Early History

Demographics have shifted over the years, but there's a tangible cultural dynamic in Noe Valley that defies country of origin.

After Native Americans came the Spanish and Mexicans, like Jose Cornelio de Bernal and Jose de Jesus Noe, the future *alcalde* (mayor) of Yerba Buena. Finally, there was John Horner, among the 235 Mormons who sailed around the Horn in 1846 looking for new land to settle. But those are tales for another time.

For St. Paul's, the story starts with the next wave of immigrants—the Irish.

When you're out walking the hills of Noe Valley, picture an earnest young priest from County Cork, Ireland, riding through the sand and mud on horseback in the early 1880s. One of more than a thousand missionaries sent throughout the world from All Hallows College in Dublin, Fr. Lawrence Breslin tended to 200 families in the southwestern part of the city. And on Sundays he celebrated mass at the corner of Noe and Valley streets.

The building he used, which is still standing, was a hospital erected and later abandoned by the Italian Benevolent Society. Evidently, the hospital had hoped to offer recuperative care "out in the country" for people from town. But let's face it, town was four miles away, and in those days getting out to this valley was a daunting trek. Twenty-eighth Street was called Dale, and 29th was Vale. And then, like now, the building was uphill from almost any direction.

The First Church

To imagine the church Breslin eventually built in 1897, go to the corner of 29th and Church streets and envision a modified Gothic-style wooden building on the northwest corner. Think of a gaslight fixture out front, with a lamplighter. Stellings Grocery was nearby and the Fairmount Market, now Drewes Brothers Meat Market (note the sign on the storefront).

Donovan's coal and wood yard was next, with a saloon at Day and Church and a Methodist church down the street. And let's have a tip of the hat, if you please, to Mrs. Kelly, "the genial Irish lady" who lived in one of the small cottages next door.

Resilience

Resilience is a handy word for the folks at St. Paul's. Remember, this is a congregation whose forbears reputedly hauled down rocks from the Castro Street quarry at the top end of 29th Street to build the present church, which was dedicated in 1911.

These were the folks who salvaged cobblestones for the church's façade from the infamous rubble of City Hall, after the 1906 earthquake destroyed it in 46 seconds.

These were the plucky Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs), who had come out to teach from Dubuque, Iowa, and during the 1918 influenza outbreak, canceled classes to minister to the sick and dying. Picture mass funerals held in the school courtyard as the church bells tolled from six in the morning until two in the afternoon.

This is the church that invited Whoopi Goldberg and the Disney crew to film onsite for a couple of months in 1991 and rearranged their schedules to accommodate the studio. They also agreed to let the family of one prospective bride paint over the film's graffiti so their daughter's big day could be photographed...on the front steps, of course!

And Rebuilding

These are the people who—after the Loma Prieta earthquake and after the passage of a law restricting unreinforced masonry buildings—found the cost of retrofitting their buildings so steep they had to come out fighting for their very life to save the parish.

It was painful, but the people of St. Paul's accepted the challenge. They sold the primary and high school buildings (they're condos now). They rebuilt the grade school from scratch.

Today, the BVMs are gone, replaced by secular teachers. But you can often see Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity, two by two, on the J streetcar and the 24-Divisadero bus saying their beads on the way to serving the homeless downtown. Look to the rooftop of the old grammar school convent adjoining the church. On laundry day, their clean white robes and bedclothes flutter in the fresh air.

Loyalty and Longevity

Families who were helped by the church during the Great Depression remain on the rolls. Graduates from the high school turn up in enthusiastic numbers for class reunions. Many, in fact, still live in the immediate neighborhood.

To describe the loyalty and longevity of old-timers, O'Shea points out that Father Kevin Gaffey, himself baptized and brought up in St. Paul's Parish, married three generations of one family. Think of the changes he would have seen during that time. In the early days, he would have sung the mass in Latin. By the 1960s, through the innovations of Vatican II, the words he and other priests said were in the vernacular—now English and Spanish.

Ask a neighbor about the history of St. Paul's and she's quick to pay respect to the past. "We're late to the parish," she demurs. "We've only been here 20 years...."

Even in those 20 years, there have been changes. Today, music at Sunday mass comes from contemporary musicians playing with contemporary enthusiasm, a far cry from the Ave Marias of a century ago. After serving as extras in Whoopi's *Sister Act*, this congregation has never been quite the same! As Google buses glide silently through the streets, it's likely that even techies with laptops have found their way into St. Paul's nave.

And Memories Remain

When there's a hearse parked in front of the church, you can pretty well assume it carries the body of an old-time parishioner who worshipped there for many years.

When 12 bridesmaids show up on the sidewalk outside, you might not be wrong to guess the families have deep emotional ties to the building and the neighborhood.

When your family has second- and third-generation bonds to a church like this, when reunions include the Murphys, the Ryans, and the Lyons, when your dad's dad grew up around the corner off Castro, and your great-grandma used to walk your grandpa and his brother to school from 27th Street.... such a church has special meaning.

Last year, the Murphy family—preparing for the wedding of their son and future daughter-in-law this summer—purchased a print of Royce Vaughn's painting of the church as an engagement gift, a reminder of the family's ties to the parish.

That gift, the newly tiled spires, and years of walking the hills surrounding this lovely valley prompted me to write this story. ■

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On Top of Noe Valley. Our crew gets up in the world at the City parking lot on 24th Street. From left we have Sadie and Stella Kahn, Chloe Ticktin, Lily Lorenzen and Ethan Ticktin.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

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MORE BOOKS TO READ

The Search for a Good Book

By Susan Higgins, Noe Valley Adult Services Librarian

How do you go about finding something good to read? There are plenty of strategies, from browsing the shelves at the library, to reading book reviews, to asking your friends for recommendations. Some people choose an author and read all of his or her works. Others pore over lists of literary awards, such as the Man Booker Prize, National Book Award, Pulitzer Prize, or the Nobel Prize. In addition to providing a big selection of books, the San Francisco Library also offers you tools to help you identify books and writers you will enjoy.

Browsing at the Library

When you're at the Noe Valley Library, you'll find the most recent acquisitions in the New Books areas. There are separate sections for fiction, non-fiction (including biographies), new mysteries, and new science fiction. The library often displays interesting older books you may have missed in the display area surrounding the stairwell.

Copies of current and past **One City One Book** and **On the Same Page: San Francisco Reads** selections are located in the display area next to the elevator. These books are a great resource when you're in a hurry and want to grab something entertaining or thought-provoking.

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From the New Books Shelves

To tide you over until your next visit to the library, here are a few books culled from Noe Valley's New Books shelves:

Fiction for Adults

■ Lorrie Moore's first novel in 10 years, ***A Gate at the Stairs***, tells the story of a Midwestern woman coming of age in the year after 9/11.

■ First published in Arabic in 1966, ***Season of Migration to the North*** by Tayeb Salih, translated by Denys Johnson-Davies, is the story of a young man who returns to his village along the Nile in the Sudan after years of study in Britain.

■ Captain Jake Hines investigates an eastern European gang operating in Minnesota in Elizabeth Gunn's mystery ***The 10-Mile Trials.***

■ After 12 years at sea, a captain returns to the island of his birth, and to his wife, children, and lover in the award-winning book ***Swell*** by Ioanna Karystiani, translated by Konstantinos Matsoukas.

■ ***A Fair Maiden*** by Joyce Carol Oates is the story of 16-year-old Katya and a much older, mysterious rich man.

■ While Wallace and his wife are squeezed between raising children and looking after an elderly parent, they stake everything on a startup company in the darkly comic ***Life as a Sandwich*** by Eric Peterson.

Nonfiction for Adults

■ ***Cheesemonger: A Life on the Wedge,*** by Gordon Edgar, is an entertaining book about cheese and punk rock by the cheesemonger at San Francisco's Rainbow Grocery.

■ ***Don't Take the Last Donut: New Rules of Business Etiquette***, by Judith Bowman, provides practical, up-to-date tips on networking, meetings, presentations, email, travel, entertainment, and business attire.

■ Fans of astronomy will enjoy the story of the reclassification of Pluto to dwarf planet in ***The Case for Pluto: How a Little Planet Made a Big Difference,*** by Alan Boyle.

■ Musician David Byrne pedals through cities around the U.S. and throughout the world and shares his observations in ***Bicycle Diaries.***

■ ***Trotsky: A Biography*** is the final book in a trilogy about the founding figures of the Soviet Union by Oxford University Russian history professor Robert Service.

■ ***The Death and Life of American Journalism: The Media Revolution That Will Begin the World Again,*** by Robert McChesney and John Nichols, offers hope for the resuscitation of journalism in the next decade.

New Books for Teens

■ ***Going Bovine*** by Libba Bray, winner of the 2010 Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature, tells the story of a 16-year-old slacker who sets off on a madcap road trip along with a punk angel, a dwarf sidekick, a yard gnome, and a mad scientist.

■ Fantasy fans will enjoy exploring an alternate world that exists inside paintings in ***Mirrorscape*** by Mike Wilks.

■ ***Blue Plate Special*** by Michelle Kwasney is the story of three teenage girls from different generations who struggle to build better lives.

■ ***Snap*** by Carol Snow combines romance, mystery, and the supernatural in a story about a teenage girl who discovers bizarre figures in the photos she has taken.

■ ***Struts and Frets*** by Jon Skovron is a coming-of-age story about Sammy, a musician trying to keep his band together while also dealing with a grandfather's deteriorating health and a friend who wants to be his girlfriend.

New Picture Stories for Younger Children

■ Sammy hates lima beans, so he buries them in the garden. Unfortunately, they turn into ***The Lima Bean Monster,*** by Dan Yaccarino.

■ Ann and Paul Rand inspire children to think about how much there is to know in the world in ***I Know a Lot of Things.***

■ Children learn about conquering fears when Felix encounters some scary animals in ***Dark Night*** by Dorothée de Monfreid.

■ Are there chairs to spare for pairs of bears who stare? Read ***Bears on Chairs*** by Shirley Parenteau.

New Fiction for Older Children

■ A father invents a robot to keep his daughter organized, in Margaret Chang's ***Celia's Robot.***

■ In ***Secrets at Camp Nokomis*** by Jacqueline Dembar Greene, Rebecca goes off to summer camp, where she has a secretive bunkmate. Meanwhile, a girl in camp goes missing.

■ Helen Stringer's ***Spellbinder*** tells the story of 12-year-old Belladonna Johnson, who lives with the ghosts of her parents until one night all the ghosts of the world vanish.

■ Twins Camille and Truman discover their grandmother is the gatekeeper to the frightening Breath World, in ***The Ever Breath*** by Julianna Baggott.

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Marine Mammal Center Visit

■ The **Marine Mammal Center** presents a hands-on look at the interdependence of animals, humans, the oceans, and the planet. Children of all ages are invited to this event on Tuesday, June 22, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

San Francisco Baykeeper

■ Learn about **San Francisco Baykeeper,** the pollution watchdog for San Francisco Bay, at a lecture and slide show on Tuesday, June 22, 7 to 8 p.m.

Films for Children

■ On Tuesday, June 15, the library will have two screenings of **films** for children to age 5, at 10:15 a.m. and at 11 a.m.

Spotlight on Shadow Puppets

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■ Toddlers 18 months to 3 years old will enjoy songs, rhymes, and finger play at **Toddler Tales,** held Tuesdays, June 1, 22, and 29, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

■ **Family Story Time,** which features books, songs, and movement for kids 3 to 5—happens on Tuesdays, June 1, 22, and 29, from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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On 24th Street

What is your favorite snack place in Noe Valley? Why?

Our roving reporter Shayna Rubin posed this biting question on Saturday, May 15, in front of Small Frys on 24th Street.



Ali Gehlen, 24th Street: I like to get Mitchell's Ice Cream from the Subs place [Subs, Inc.]. It looks like it wouldn't have good ice cream, but it does.



Marina Brevdo and Daniel Eisenbud, Vicksburg Street: I like Peasant Pies. It's convenient and tasty. It's also inexpensive, but not cheap!



Tim Chuter, Castro Street: Lupa is good. The food is good and plentiful, not too expensive. I like the staff there, too. They know good food.



Richard Mullen, Natasha Merritt, and Eleanor and Nash Mullen, 23rd Street: We love the Cheese Shop and the Noe Valley Bakery. Our daughter, Eleanor, loves the five-cent licorice at the cheese shop and we also love the apricot glaze. At the Noe Valley Bakery, we love to get there early in the morning, before everyone else wakes up, for the raisin snail and apple turnover.



Mary Breman, Douglass Street: I like to go to Fresca. There are a lot of tasty and cheap appetizers.



Lance Henderson, Douglass Street: I love the pumpkin muffins at the Noe Valley Bakery. They used to sell them all year-round, but now they are only sold seasonally. I wish I could get them all year.



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Andy and Mia Murdock, 20th Street: I go to the Noe Valley Bakery every morning at 9:15 for their morning bun.



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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

We vs. Us

By Mazook

PLAZAMANIA continued to spread in May—in the cafes, in the blogs, and in the pages of the *Noe Valley Voice* (see page 1 and Letters). In fact, the news was so viral, it spread way past deadline. With the paper almost put to bed, the Noe Valley Bureau of Investigation (NVBI) has been enlisted to help supply the *real* rumors behind the news.

As *Voice* readers know, the plaza—meaning a temporary plaza on Noe Street at 24th—started as a gleam in the eye of the Mayor's Pavement to Parks program (P2P) and some members of the Noe Valley Association. The idea was a palm-filled minipark where people could bask in the sun while sitting in the middle of the street. If P2P had had its way, the trial run would have started by the summer solstice.

But the plaza has become the most polarizing issue Noe Valley has seen in a while.

The first community meeting (on April 8) showed there are many cracks in Noeville. Neighbors lined up on opposite sides of St. Philip's hall to vehemently speak their mind to the P2P go-to guy at the Planning Department, Andres Power. Half argued Just Try It. The rest said No Way.

Since the meeting, each side has been churning out petitions for their supporters to sign. Debates are raging in the blogs, with lengthy commentary that at times turns inflammatory.

Younger people are perceived to be against older people, cyclists against those with cars.

Neighborhood progressives, and there are many, appear excited to "try" the plaza, while more conservative Noe Valleons call the plaza plan too radical or just plain dumb. Then there are the opponents who live near ground zero on Noe Street. They've been pitted against those who live elsewhere in the Valley or in the Heights—Fairmount, Diamond, Liberty, and Dolores—who see no harm in the noble experiment.

Supporters argue that the emphasis is on "temporary," and if the plaza doesn't work, the city will have it removed and open the street again. However, many believe that if a "temporary" plaza is created, it will be impossible to remove it and it will become a blight in the neighborhood.

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PLAZA SWEET: Some people have plaza fever. In mid-May, Bob Roddick, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, wrote a letter addressed to the *Voice*, expressing his organization's unanimous support for the plaza proposal (see page 7). Curiously, at least to the NVBI, the letter wound up first on the NoeValleySF blog. (By Memorial Day, there had been 120 comments, but most were by a dozen commentators with a great deal of time on their fingers.)

Meanwhile, the Not on Noe contingent was planning a surprise trip to City Hall. Almost 20 people showed up at 2 p.m. for the May 13 meeting of the SF Planning Commission. They wanted to present their petitions and express their objections to the closure of Noe Street, through two spokespersons, longtime Noe Valleyites Dan Duncan and Joel Panzer.

Duncan and Panzer knew that generally the Planning Commission only allows discussion of items placed on its agenda. However, they also knew the public was allowed three minutes to address the commission, at either the first or the last half hour of the meeting. The Not Noe group arrived late for the first half hour, since the commissioners started the proceedings at 1:30 sharp.

Undaunted, the group prepared to spend the afternoon waiting for their opportunity. But by 6 o'clock, it was clear that the end of the meeting would be hours away, and many left.

"By 10:30," says Panzer, "we were down to three, but ready to give our three-minute presentation."

According to Panzer, they presented Commission Chair Ron Miguel with the petitions and posters, "and although everyone was really tired by that hour, all the commissioners seemed surprised to hear about the neighborhood controversy. The chairman said, 'We will have to look at the Pavement to Parks program and its implementation,' and turned to the Planning Department representative for comment. He [Miguel] was told that the plan was off the table, which I interpreted to mean the end of it. We left City Hall feeling we had achieved our goal."

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BACK ON THE TABLE: For the record, the Planning Department's representative was Kelly Amdur, director of neighborhood planning. Amdur said by the next day, Friday, May 14, she had learned from David Alumbaugh, director of citywide planning services, that the plaza plans were still very much on the table. Says Amdur, "I had misspoken when I responded at the time to Ron Miguel that the plaza project was 'put on hold' and we were not currently pursuing the project."

By late afternoon that same Friday, Andres Power e-mailed a letter to "Noe Valley Neighbors" on the P2P's e-mail list. The letter, of course, was immediately launched into the blogosphere by NoeValleySF.

Although Power graded the matter's importance "low" and NoeValleySF went along, headlining the letter "Noe Valley Plaza: No News Is No News," it was major news to many of those in the thick of things.

First, Power informed the electronic-us that a second community meeting, initially set for June 1, had been postponed until "early to mid-June."

Second, Powers wrote that P2P was committed "to taking a reasoned and tempered approach to seeing if there can be consensus" for the trial plaza on Noe, "or some other street in the neighborhood."

Third, and most significantly, Power said, "Based on the comments we heard at the workshop, we also believe it would be prudent to explore the idea of installing test 'parklets'—the temporary repurposing of a few on-street parking spaces in one or more locations along 24th Street."

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PLAZA, *SI*, PARKLETS, *NON*: Neither the pro-plaza nor anti-plaza constituents seem too happy about the Planning Department's widening the scope the project.

Roddick says that when the NVA signed on with P2P, "it was for a plaza. The NVA made a commitment to that, and the idea of having parklets was not on the table." He also is a little piqued that P2P keeps coming up with surprises.

"They really haven't yet talked to us about the details of the parklets, or other alternatives [such as] creating a plaza that could also accommodate traffic, perhaps

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one-way, on Noe, or a plaza down the middle of the street," says Roddick.

Roddick also thinks that plaza space could be created in bus stops' red zones. "If we were having parklets," says Roddick, "then how about extending all of the bus stops on the corner of 24th and Castro and create bubbles for the passengers to board?"

He says the key objection from the NVMPA is "merchants don't want to have parklets take up parking spaces."

As for the Not on Noe group, Panzer says he thinks most of the no folks would consider the parklet concept or other ideas that would keep Noe Street open. But he fears the pro-plaza group is not willing to compromise, especially on the issue of closing Noe Street. "We are hearing that the pro-plaza people want to 'try it' since that was the deal, and that it is an all-or-none proposition."

In an effort to be extra vigilant, his group fanned out across Noe Valley on Saturday, May 23, going door to door looking for neighbors' support.

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MEETING OF MINDS, MAYBE: The Friday before Memorial Day, the Planning Department sent word via Supervisor Dufty that the next Noe Valley Pavement to Parks community meeting will be Wednesday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Philip's School, 665 Elizabeth Street. Dufty's newsletter stated, "I will be joined by Andres Power and David Alumbaugh of the San Francisco Planning Department, and a Traffic Engineer from the SF Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA)."

You can expect that the meeting will be a full house and that someone from the mayor's office would and should show up. The NVBI is suggesting you arrive early to get a seat. The capacity of the hall is 400 people.

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YOU'VE GOT FRIENDS: All this debate has renewed interest in the Friends of Noe Valley, a group that has championed the residents' cause for nearly 40 years. In the last few years, the group has been meeting sporadically, except when organizing events like the Book Week and the Garden Tour (don't forget to go June 12).

Friends' current president, Richard May, says that at the beginning of May the FNV board of directors met with several people from the neighborhood who had expressed interest in leadership roles in the group.

One was Todd David, a very active parent at Alvarado School. David, who's pro plaza, is also involved with neighborhood efforts to have the city buy the Noe Valley Ministry parking lot and turn it into a town square (see May *Voice*). He says he is actively seeking the job of Friends president, and would be happy to replace ready-and-willing-to-be-replaced May, come September.

Others are Tom Abbott and Joel Panzer, who met while working on the Keep Noe Open campaign. They say they too see a need for a revitalized Friends so that the neighborhood can have a united voice and a forum for ideas. "We [should] all be able to get along and put our shoulders together to get things done," says Panzer.

Says Abbott, "There are about 15 people I know of who want to join the Friends of Noe Valley and become involved."

Friends has set Sept. 8 (6:30 p.m. at the Noe Valley Library) as the date for its next general meeting, which will include the annual election of officers and a presentation on the Ministry parking lot/town square plan.

Richard May says Friends also is mounting a membership drive this summer. A membership application is available at FNV events (*e.g.*, the Garden Tour) and is also online at *friendsofnoevalley.com*.

FYI, only dues-paying members can vote. According to May, FNV has almost 500 "members" who are on FNV's e-mail list, and there are about 100 who receive the FNV newsletter by snail mail.

If you want to join, mail your check for $20, the annual dues, to the Friends of Noe Valley, P.O. Box 460953, San Francisco 94146.

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LOITERING PERMITTED: The Noe Valley Association, 24th Street's self-taxing benefit district, has been very active these days in sprucing up Downtown Noe Valley. The group recently put in cherry trees at 24th and Diamond streets and strawberry trees in front of the Ark toy store. They've also installed four new (and very comfortable) wooden benches and six planter boxes on the sidewalks in front of Bernie's Cafe and Whole Foods Market.

NVA board director Debra Niemann also wants everyone to know that the crosswalks at the corner of 24th and Castro will be altered soon. Now that federal money has become available, the city is putting in state-of-the-art ADA ramps, which will require removal and replacement of the yellow duratherm crosswalks.

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THAT'S 30, FOLKS. Before departing, I'd like to suggest that Plazagate might turn out all right after all. Through discussion and compromise, let's come up with the best plan for everyone. ■





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Castro Farmers' Market
Wednesdays, 4 to 8 p.m., on Noe between Market and Beaver
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Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 239-5776
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31529, San Francisco, CA 94131
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

Dolores Heights Improvement Club
Email: *dhic123@gmail.com*
Website: *www.doloresheights.org*
Meetings: Board meetings bimonthly; membership semi-annually.

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)
Contacts: Pat Lockhart, 282-9360; Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Deanna Mooney, 821-4045
Mailing Address: 560 Duncan St., San Francisco, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Eureka Valley Promotion Association
Contact: Scott Wiener, 437-9414
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 14137, San Francisco, CA 94114
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Website: *www.evpa.org*

Fair Oaks Neighbors
Contact: Joyce Kurtz, 401-6362
Mailing Address: 261 Fair Oaks St., San Francisco, CA 94110
Note: The annual Fair Oaks Street Fair is held the day before Mother's Day.

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Friends of On Lok's 30th Street Senior Center
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Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center and Park
Contact: Alexandra Torre
Email: *noe_park@atorre.com*
Website: *www.noevalleyreccenter.com*
Meetings: Email or check website.

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association
Contact: John Barbey, 695-0990
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Noe Screenwriting Group
Contact: Kendall Callas, 821-1310
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Dispatch: To report spills, debris, or garbage on 24th Street, call 559-8492.
Email: *info@noevalleyassociation.org*

Noe Valley Democratic Club
Contact: Andy Fleischman, 641-5838
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Noe Valley Farmers' Market
Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on 24th Street between Vicksburg and Sanchez.
Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
Mailing Address: 4101 24th St., #401, San Francisco, CA 94114
Meetings: Second Thursday, Noe Valley Ministry (co-sponsor), 1021 Sanchez St., 8 p.m.

Noe Valley Library Campaign
Contacts: Kim Drew, 643-4695, *kkdrew@yahoo.com;* Marian Chatfield-Taylor, 626-7512, ext. 103
Mailing Address: Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, 391 Grove St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)
Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687
Meetings: Last Wednesday of February, March, April, May, July, October & November, at Bank of America, Second Floor; 9 a.m. September breakfast, call for details.
Website: *www.NoeValleyMerchants.com*

Noe Valley Parent Network
An e-mail resource network for parents
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San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets
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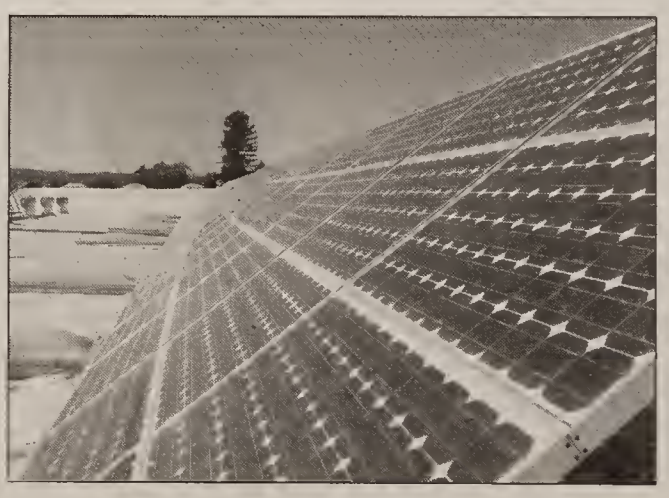
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